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By COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

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Vote: Ayes 43 Nays 1 Vote: Ayes 27 Nays 1

Approved June 29, 1973

A BILL FOR

1 An Act permitting the Jefferson county board of supervisors
2 to make payments for the purchase and acquisition of a
3 one-fifth interest in the city-county law enforcement
4 center and further to purchase and acquire the Jefferson
5 county holding facility, so long as both purchases and
6 acquisitions may be accomplished without a levy of ad-
7 ditional taxes.

8 WHEREAS, the county of Jefferson was in need of a new jail;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, the city of Fairfield was in need of holding
11 facilities and a new law enforcement center; and

12 WHEREAS, during 1971 both bodies did jointly enter into
13 the creation of a Jefferson county service agency organized
14 under chapter 28E of the 1971 Code of Iowa to plan for and
15 operate a joint facility; and

16 WHEREAS, a contract was subsequently entered into between
17 Jefferson county and the Conner Brothers' Construction Com-
18 pany of Sigourney, Iowa, for the construction of such county
19 holding facility on county-owned property adjacent to the
20 city-county law enforcement center; and

21 WHEREAS, the city of Fairfield, Iowa has constructed said
22 city-county law enforcement center with city funds and has
23 provided offices therein for the Jefferson county sheriff;
24 and

25 WHEREAS, the city of Fairfield and the county of Jefferson

1 are now desirous that the county of Jefferson should purchase
2 a one-fifth interest in said law enforcement center; and

3 WHEREAS, such a purchase could be made without a levy of
4 additional taxes; and

5 WHEREAS, the county is desirous of paying the general con-
6 tractor of the county holding facility in advance of the dates
7 set forth in a lease-purchase agreement; and

8 WHEREAS, the total cost of the county holding facility
9 and the total cost of the one-fifth interest in the city-
10 county law enforcement center would total more than \$50,000.00
11 in aggregate; and

12 WHEREAS, the final cost of the purchase of a one-fifth
13 interest in the city-county law enforcement center is the
14 sum of \$34,781.00, and the submission to the voters of the
15 county was not conducted pursuant to section 345.1 of the
16 1971 Code of Iowa; and doubts have arisen concerning the legal
17 sufficiency of the Jefferson county board of supervisors'
18 compliance with the provisions of section 345.1 of the 1971
19 Code of Iowa; and it is deemed advisable and necessary to
20 put such doubts and all others that might arise concerning
21 the same to rest; NOW THEREFORE,

22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

23 Section 1. That all acts and proceedings heretofore taken
24 by the Jefferson county board of supervisors in connection
25 with the entering into a contract with the city of Fairfield,
26 Iowa, the Jefferson county service agency, and the Conner
27 Brothers' Construction Company of Sigourney, Iowa, for the
28 construction of a county holding facility in Fairfield, Iowa,
29 are hereby legalized, validated and confirmed.

30 Sec. 2. The Jefferson county board of supervisors may
31 purchase a one-fifth interest in the city-county law en-
32 forcement center, Fairfield, Iowa, in order to provide of-
33 fices for the sheriff of Jefferson county, said payment being
34 in the amount of \$34,781.00, as long as said purchase does
35 not require any levy of additional tax.

EXPLANATION

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This bill legalizes procedures whereby Jefferson county and the city of Fairfield, Iowa constructed jointly a county service agency and provides that Jefferson county may purchase a one-fifth interest in the city-county law enforcement center.

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