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HOUSE FILE 581

BY DODERER

Passed House, Date 3-27-89 (p. 105) Passed Senate, Date 4-11-89 (p. 1337)  
Vote: Ayes 85 Nays 4 Vote: Ayes 45 Nays 4  
Approved May 8, 1989

A BILL FOR

1 An Act authorizing a reserve account for fire protection,  
2 emergency warning, and ambulance services provided by  
3 townships.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 359.43, Code 1989, is amended by adding  
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 4. Of the levies authorized under  
4 subsections 1 and 2, the township trustees may credit to a  
5 reserve account annually an amount not to exceed ten cents per  
6 thousand dollars of the assessed value of the taxable property  
7 in the township for the purchase or replacement of supplies  
8 and equipment required to carry out the services specified  
9 under section 359.42. Notwithstanding section 453.7, interest  
10 earned on moneys credited to the reserve account shall be  
11 credited to the reserve account.

12 EXPLANATION

13 The bill authorizes the township trustees to credit to a  
14 reserve account an amount not to exceed ten cents per thousand  
15 dollars of assessed value per year of the tax levies authorized  
16 by law, for the purchase or replacement of supplies and  
17 equipment needed to provide the fire protection, ambulance,  
18 and emergency warning services specified under section 359.42.

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FISCAL NOTE

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A fiscal note for HOUSE FILE 581 is hereby submitted pursuant to Joint Rule 17. Data used in developing this fiscal note is available from the Legislative Fiscal Bureau to members of the Legislature upon request.

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House File 581 authorizes the township trustees to credit to a reserve account an amount not to exceed ten cents per thousand dollars of assessed value per year of the tax levies authorized by law, for the purchase or replacement of supplies and equipment needed to provide the fire protection, ambulance, and emergency warning services provided under Section 359.42, Code of Iowa.

Assumptions:

1. Current law directs township trustees to provide fire protection services for the township, and in specific circumstances, ambulance services and emergency warning systems. The trustees may purchase, own, rent, or maintain fire protection service or ambulance service apparatus or equipment of both kinds of apparatus or equipment and provide housing for the equipment.
2. Current law provides for a levy of an annual tax for forty and one-half cents per \$1,000 dollars of assessed value of the taxable property in the township, (excluding property within a benefited fire district or within the corporate limits of a city) for the purpose of providing the services. In specific circumstances, trustees may levy an annual tax not exceeding fifty-four cents or sixty-seven and one-half cents per \$1,000 of assessed value of taxable property. If the levy authorized is insufficient to provide for services the trustees may levy an additional annual tax not exceeding twenty and one-half cents per \$1,000 of assessed value of the taxable property (excluding any property within the corporate limits of a city to provide the services).

Fiscal Impact:

House File 581 would have no direct impact upon State revenues or expenditures. According to the Department of Management, Local Budget Division: under current law money could be accumulated in a reserve fund for future purchases of supplies and equipment. Interest earned on the funds accumulated may also be used for future purchases. There is no direct fiscal impact because these provisions are allowable under current law, however; it is not possible to determine how many townships may set aside a reserve fund for these purposes.

Source: Department of Management  
Department of Revenue and Finance  
League of Municipalities

(LSB 2529h, SES)

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BY DENNIS PROUTY, FISCAL DIRECTOR

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DONALD D. AVENSON  
Speaker of the House

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JO ANN ZIMMERMAN  
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 581, Seventy-third General Assembly.

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JOSEPH O'HERN  
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved May 8, 1989

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TERRY E. BRANSTAD  
Governor

HOUSE FILE 581

AN ACT

AUTHORIZING A RESERVE ACCOUNT FOR FIRE PROTECTION, EMERGENCY WARNING, AND AMBULANCE SERVICES PROVIDED BY TOWNSHIPS.

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

Section 1. Section 359.43, Code 1989, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 4. Of the levies authorized under subsections 1 and 2, the township trustees may credit to a reserve account annually an amount not to exceed ten cents per thousand dollars of the assessed value of the taxable property in the township for the purchase or replacement of supplies and equipment required to carry out the services specified under section 359.42. Notwithstanding section 453.7, interest

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