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HOUSE FILE *2097*
BY COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 500)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act supporting drainage districts, by extending the period
2 when certain contracts must be let, and providing an effective
3 date.

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HF 2097

1 Section 1. 1997 Iowa Acts, chapter 215, section 16,
2 unnumbered paragraph 2, is amended to read as follows:

3 ~~As a condition of receiving the appropriations in this~~
4 ~~section, the~~ The department shall allocate reserve five
5 hundred thousand dollars of the appropriation for each fiscal
6 year described in subsections 1 and 2, to pay seventy-five
7 percent of the estimated or actual cost of improvements as
8 defined by section 468.3, not to exceed five hundred thousand
9 dollars each fiscal year, for a single drainage improvement
10 project, which will provide alternative drainage outlets to
11 allow for the closing of thirty or more agricultural drainage
12 wells, constructed by a drainage district established under
13 section 468.22 on or after July 1, 1987, and prior to July 1,
14 1997, for which a. As a condition to this payment, the
15 construction contract for the project is must be successfully
16 let prior to March 1, 1998 1999. Any moneys which are
17 unencumbered or unobligated following payment of the
18 improvements provided in this paragraph shall be used to
19 support the alternative drainage system assistance program as
20 provided in section 159.29B.

21 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of
22 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

23 EXPLANATION

24 In 1997, the general assembly enacted Senate File 473,
25 which established an alternative drainage system assistance
26 program administered by the soil conservation division of the
27 department of agriculture and land stewardship. The
28 legislation also created the alternative drainage system
29 assistance fund to support the program. House File 733
30 appropriated to the fund a total of \$3,000,000 over two fiscal
31 years. As a condition of the appropriation, the legislation
32 required that up to \$500,000 for each of the fiscal years must
33 be used to pay for 75 percent of the estimated or actual cost
34 of improvements for a single drainage improvement project, to
35 provide alternative drainage outlets to allow for the closing

1 of 30 or more agricultural drainage wells. That bill also
2 provided that a construction contract for the project must be
3 successfully let prior to March 1, 1998. This bill extends
4 that date to March 1, 1999, and requires the division to
5 reserve the \$500,000 for each of the fiscal years in order to
6 support the project.

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HOUSE FILE 2097

H-8009

1 Amend House File 2097 as follows:

2 1. Page 1, by striking lines 16 through 20 and
3 inserting the following: "let prior to March 1, 1998
4 1999. Any balance remaining unobligated or unexpended
5 on June 30, 1999, shall be transferred to the
6 agricultural management account of the groundwater
7 protection fund created in section 455E.11. Moneys
8 deposited in that account under this section shall be
9 allocated to the department of agriculture and land
10 stewardship for cost-share assistance for the
11 following programs:

12 To reimburse owners of agricultural drainage wells
13 and surface water intakes which drain into
14 agricultural drainage wells for up to seventy-five
15 percent of the costs incurred after May 29, 1997, to
16 prevent surface water drainage into agricultural
17 drainage wells as required pursuant to section 455I.2.

18 To reimburse individual owners and users of
19 agricultural drainage wells for up to seventy-five
20 percent of the costs incurred after May 29, 1997, to
21 close agricultural drainage wells and to connect
22 drainage systems which are tributary to the drainage
23 wells to alternative drainage outlets as required
24 pursuant to section 455I.3."

25 2. By renumbering as necessary.

By MERTZ of Kossuth

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