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BY COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 515)

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Vote: Ayes 96 Nays 0

Vote: Ayes 50 Nays 0

Approved March 31, 1998

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2 expenses of county medical examiners.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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14 appointment shall be paid reimbursed to the county of
15 appointment by the county of the person's residence. However,
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18 707.2, 707.3, 707.4, 707.5, or 707.6A, the county of the
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27 EXPLANATION

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RON J. CORBETT
Speaker of the House

MARY E. KRAMER
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 2246, Seventy-seventh General Assembly.

ELIZABETH ISAACSON
Chief Clerk of the House
Approved March 31, 1998

TERRY E. BRANSTAD
Governor