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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to an increase in the voter-approved community
2 college facilities levy.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 260C.15, subsection 1, Code 1997, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. Regular elections held annually by the merged area for
4 the election of members of the board of directors as required
5 by section 260C.11, for the renewal of the ~~twenty-and-one-~~
6 fourth forty and one-half cents per thousand dollars of
7 assessed valuation levy authorized in section 260C.22, or for
8 any other matter authorized by law and designated for election
9 by the board of directors of the merged area, shall be held on
10 the date of the school election as fixed by section 277.1.
11 The election notice shall be made a part of the local school
12 election notice published as provided in section 49.53 in each
13 local school district where voting is to occur in the merged
14 area election and the election shall be conducted by the
15 county commissioner of elections pursuant to chapters 39 to 53
16 and section 277.20.

17 Sec. 2. Section 260C.22, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code
18 1997, is amended to read as follows:

19 a. (1) In addition to the tax authorized under section
20 260C.17, the voters in any merged area may at the annual
21 school election vote a tax not exceeding ~~twenty-and-one-fourth~~
22 forty and one-half cents per thousand dollars of assessed
23 value in any one year for a period not to exceed ten years for
24 the purchase of grounds, construction of buildings, payment of
25 debts contracted for the construction of buildings, purchase
26 of buildings and equipment for buildings, and the acquisition
27 of libraries, for the purpose of paying costs of utilities,
28 and for the purpose of maintaining, remodeling, improving, or
29 expanding the community college of the merged area. If the
30 tax levy is approved under this section, the costs of
31 utilities shall be paid from the proceeds of the levy. The
32 tax shall be collected by the county treasurers and remitted
33 to the treasurer of the merged area as provided in section
34 331.552, subsection 29. The proceeds of the tax shall be
35 deposited in a separate and distinct fund to be known as the

1 voted tax fund, to be paid out upon warrants drawn by the
2 president and secretary of the board of directors of the
3 merged area district for the payment of costs incurred in
4 providing the school facilities for which the tax was voted.

5 (2) If the voters in a merged area have authorized a tax
6 not exceeding twenty and one-fourth cents per thousand dollars
7 of assessed valuation prior to July 1, 1998, pursuant to
8 subparagraph (1), the levy shall continue for the period
9 authorized, and the maximum levy that can be authorized by the
10 voters on or after July 1, 1998, under this paragraph, is an
11 additional twenty and one-fourth cents per thousand dollars of
12 assessed valuation to coincide with the period for which the
13 initial levy was approved.

14 EXPLANATION

15 This bill increases the maximum community college
16 facilities levy, which the voters of the merged area may
17 impose, from 21.25 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value to 40.50
18 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value. It provides for
19 continuation of levies previously approved.

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