

House Study Bill 500

Bill Text

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1 1 Section 1. 1997 Iowa Acts, chapter 215, section 16,
1 2 unnumbered paragraph 2, is amended to read as follows:
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~~As a condition of receiving the appropriations in this~~

~~1 4~~

~~section, the~~

~~The department shall~~

~~allocate~~

~~reserve five~~

1 5 hundred thousand dollars of the appropriation for each fiscal
1 6 year described in subsections 1 and 2, to pay seventy-five
1 7 percent of the estimated or actual cost of improvements as
1 8 defined by section 468.3

~~, not to exceed five hundred thousand~~

~~1 9~~

~~dollars each fiscal year,~~

~~for a single drainage improvement~~

1 10 project, which will provide alternative drainage outlets to
1 11 allow for the closing of thirty or more agricultural drainage
1 12 wells, constructed by a drainage district established under
1 13 section 468.22 on or after July 1, 1987, and prior to July 1,
1 14 1997

~~, for which a~~

~~As a condition to this payment, the~~

1 15 construction contract for the project

~~is~~

~~must be~~ successfully

1 16 let prior to March 1,

~~1998~~

~~1999.~~ Any moneys which are

1 17 unencumbered or unobligated following payment of the
1 18 improvements provided in this paragraph shall be used to
1 19 support the alternative drainage system assistance program as
1 20 provided in section 159.29B.

1 21 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of
1 22 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment

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EXPLANATION

1 24 In 1997, the general assembly enacted Senate File 473,
1 25 which established an alternative drainage system assistance
1 26 program administered by the soil conservation division of the
1 27 department of agriculture and land stewardship. The
1 28 legislation also created the alternative drainage system
1 29 assistance fund to support the program. House File 733
1 30 appropriated to the fund a total of \$3,000,000 over two fiscal
1 31 years. As a condition of the appropriation, the legislation
1 32 required that up to \$500,000 for each of the fiscal years must

1 33 be used to pay for 75 percent of the estimated or actual cost
1 34 of improvements for a single drainage improvement project, to
1 35 provide alternative drainage outlets to allow for the closing
2 1 of 30 or more agricultural drainage wells. That bill also
2 2 provided that a construction contract for the project must be
2 3 successfully let prior to March 1, 1998. This bill extends
2 4 that date to March 1, 1999, and requires the division to
2 5 reserve the \$500,000 for each of the fiscal years in order to
2 6 support the project.

2 7 The bill takes effect upon enactment.

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