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SENATE FILE **408**
BY KING

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the selection of newspapers in which official
2 proceedings of counties shall be published.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 349.3, subsection 1, Code 1997, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. In counties having a population of less than fifteen
4 thousand, two such newspapers, or one, if there be but one
5 published therein. However, in counties having a population
6 of less than ten thousand, and more than one newspaper, the
7 board may accept bids from the two newspapers with the largest
8 circulation in the county, and may choose the bid or bids the
9 board believes to be in the best interest of the taxpayers of
10 the county. The bid or bids selected by the board may or may
11 not be the lowest bid or bids presented to the board for
12 consideration, but shall meet the requirements of section
13 349.17 regarding official publication fees.

14 EXPLANATION

15 This bill provides that in counties with a population of
16 less than 10,000, and with more than one newspaper, the county
17 board of supervisors selecting a newspaper or newspapers to
18 publish official proceedings may accept bids from the two
19 newspapers with the largest circulation. The board may choose
20 the bid or bids they believe to be in the best interest of the
21 taxpayers of the county, and the bid or bids selected do not
22 necessarily need to be from among the lowest submitted. The
23 bill provides that bids selected shall meet the requirements
24 of Code section 349.17 regarding official publication fees.

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