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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the retention of a consulting civil engineer
2 to serve as a county engineer.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 309.17, Code 1999, is amended to read
2 as follows:

3 309.17 ENGINEER, ~~TERMINATION~~

4 1. The board of supervisors shall employ one or more
5 registered civil engineers who shall be known as county
6 engineers. The board shall fix their term of employment which
7 shall not exceed three years, but the tenure of office may be
8 terminated at any time by the board.

9 2. In lieu of employing one or more registered civil
10 engineers as provided in subsection 1, a board of supervisors
11 may contract with a consulting engineer who shall be qualified
12 as a registered civil engineer to serve as the county
13 engineer. The contract shall specify the term of retention
14 which shall not exceed three years. However, the contract may
15 be renewed.

16 Sec. 2. Section 309.18, Code 1999, is amended to read as
17 follows:

18 309.18 COMPENSATION.

19 1. The board shall fix the compensation of the engineers.

20 2. ~~Said~~ The engineers shall, in the performance of their
21 duties, work under the directions of ~~said~~ the board and shall
22 give bonds for the faithful performance of their duties in a
23 sum not less than two thousand nor more than five thousand
24 dollars, to be approved by the board.

25 3. A contract retaining a consulting engineer shall
26 specify the consulting engineer's duties, compensation, and
27 amount of the performance bond which shall conform to the
28 requirements of subsection 2.

29 Sec. 3. Section 309.19, Code 1999, is amended to read as
30 follows:

31 309.19 ADJACENT COUNTIES JOINING IN EMPLOYMENT.

32 The boards of supervisors of two or more adjacent counties
33 may enter into an agreement to jointly employ or retain a
34 county engineer or a consulting engineer, employ professional
35 and clerical assistants for the engineer, and to provide such

1 services as can be carried on jointly and will operate to
2 their mutual benefit. Such The agreement shall be written and
3 entered in their respective minutes. The engineer employed or
4 retained under such the agreement shall be the official county
5 engineer for each of the respective boards and shall be
6 employed or retained for such the term of years as shall be
7 determined by the boards but in no event longer than the
8 period of time the mutual agreement between the boards is to
9 be in effect. The written agreement shall provide for the
10 determination of the cost of such the joint program and the
11 manner of allocation of the cost to each board for inclusion
12 in the respective budgets. The boards by mutual agreement
13 shall designate one board to make payments pursuant to the
14 contract or for salaries and other costs of the joint program.
15 The board shall be reimbursed by the other board or boards in
16 accordance with the joint agreement. The provisions of
17 chapter 28E shall be applicable to this section.

18 EXPLANATION

19 | This bill authorizes a county board of supervisors to
20 contract with a consulting engineer to provide the services of
21 a| county engineer in lieu of employing one or more civil
22 engineers. The consulting engineer shall be a registered
23 civil engineer and be bonded. The contract shall provide for
24 the compensation of the consulting engineer and be for a fixed
25 term which shall not exceed three years. The contract may be
26 renewed. Two or more counties may contract for the services
27 of the same consulting engineer, but the counties need not be
28 contiguous.

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