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*HSB 552*

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL  
BY CHAIRPERSON HOUSER)

Passed House, Date \_\_\_\_\_ Passed Senate, Date \_\_\_\_\_

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2 respect to county warrants.

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1 Section 1. Section 331.506, subsection 1, Code 1999, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. a. Except as provided in subsections 2 and 3, the  
4 auditor shall prepare and sign ~~or-issue~~ a county warrant only  
5 after approval issuance of the warrant has been approved by  
6 the board by recorded vote. Each warrant shall be numbered  
7 and the date, amount, number, name of the person to whom  
8 issued, and the purpose for which the warrant is issued, shall  
9 be entered in the county system. Each warrant shall be made  
10 payable to the person performing the service or furnishing the  
11 supplies for which the warrant makes payment.

12 b. The auditor shall not issue a warrant to a drawee until  
13 the auditor has transmitted to the treasurer a list of the  
14 warrants to be issued. The list shall include the date,  
15 amount, and number of the warrant, name of the person to whom  
16 the warrant is issued, and the purpose for which the warrant  
17 is issued. The treasurer shall acknowledge receipt of the  
18 list by affixing the treasurer's signature at the bottom of  
19 the list and immediately returning the list to the auditor.  
20 The requirement that the treasurer sign to acknowledge receipt  
21 of the list is satisfied by use of a digital signature or  
22 other secure electronic signature if the county auditor and  
23 treasurer have complied with the applicable provisions of  
24 chapter 554C.

25 c. The warrant list signed by the treasurer shall be  
26 preserved by the auditor for at least two years. The  
27 requirement that the list be preserved is satisfied by  
28 preservation of the list in electronic form if the  
29 requirements of section 554C.205 are met.

30 d. The requirement that the county auditor sign a warrant  
31 is satisfied by use of a digital signature or other secure  
32 electronic signature if the county auditor has complied with  
33 the applicable provisions of chapter 554C.

34 e. In lieu of the auditor issuing a warrant to a drawee,  
35 the auditor may issue a warrant payment order to the county

1 treasurer. Upon receipt of the warrant payment order, the  
2 treasurer may submit payment to the drawee through an  
3 electronic funds transfer system.

4 Sec. 2. Section 331.552, Code 1999, is amended by adding  
5 the following new subsection:

6 NEW SUBSECTION. 33. Carry out duties relating to warrant  
7 lists provided by the county auditor pursuant to section  
8 331.506, subsection 1.

9 Sec. 3. Section 331.554, subsection 4, Code 1999, is  
10 amended to read as follows:

11 4. The treasurer shall return the paid warrants to the  
12 auditor. The original warrant shall be preserved for at least  
13 two years. The requirement that the original warrant be  
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15 electronic form if the requirements of section 554C.205 are  
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17 each warrant the number, date, drawee's name, when paid, to  
18 whom paid, original amount, and interest.

19 Sec. 4. Section 331.554, subsection 6, Code 1999, is  
20 amended to read as follows:

21 6. The amount of a check, other than a warrant,  
22 outstanding for more than two years shall be paid to the  
23 treasurer and credited as unclaimed fees and trusts. The  
24 treasurer shall provide a list of the checks to the auditor  
25 who shall maintain a record of the unclaimed fees and trusts.  
26 A person may claim an unclaimed fee or trust within five years  
27 after the money is credited upon proper proof of ownership.

28 EXPLANATION

29 This bill changes the requirements of the county auditor  
30 and county treasurer relating to issuance of county warrants  
31 and preservation of records relating to county warrants.

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33 warrants to be issued to the county treasurer before the  
34 warrants are issued. The treasurer must acknowledge receipt  
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2 Iowa electronic commerce security Act, are met. The bill  
3 allows the auditor, in lieu of issuing a warrant to a drawee,  
4 to issue a warrant payment order to the treasurer who may then  
5 pay the drawee through an electronic funds transfer.

6 The bill requires warrant lists to be preserved for at  
7 least two years. Current Code requires that the original  
8 warrants be preserved for at least two years. The bill allows  
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