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SENATE FILE 266
BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 140)

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Vote: Ayes 47 Nays 0 Vote: Ayes _____ Nays _____
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for an increase in the community college
2 facilities levy.

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

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SF 266

1 Section 1. Section 260C.15, subsection 1, Code 1999, 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 forty and
6 one-fourth one-half cents per thousand dollars of assessed
7 valuation levy authorized in section 260C.22, or for any other
8 matter authorized by law and designated for election by the
9 board of directors of the merged area, shall be held on the
10 date of the school election as fixed by section 277.1. The
11 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 1999, is amended to read as follows:

19 a. 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 forty and one-
22 fourth one-half cents per thousand dollars of assessed value
23 in any one year for a period not to exceed ten years for the
24 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 Sec. 3. Section 260C.22, subsection 1, Code 1999, is
6 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

7 NEW PARAGRAPH. f. If the voters in a merged area have
8 authorized a tax pursuant to paragraph "a" not exceeding
9 twenty and one-fourth cents per thousand dollars of assessed
10 value prior to July 1, 1999, the tax shall continue for the
11 period originally authorized under the voter-approved tax, and
12 the maximum tax that can be authorized by the voters on or
13 after July 1, 1999, under this section, for the period of the
14 original authorized tax, is an additional amount such that the
15 total amount of tax does not exceed forty and one-half cents
16 for a period to coincide with the remaining period for which
17 the initial tax in the merged area was approved.

18 EXPLANATION

19 This bill provides for an increase in the community college
20 facilities levy from 20.25 cents per \$1,000 of accessed
21 property valuation to 40.50 cents per \$1,000 of accessed
22 property valuation. The bill additionally provides that if an
23 existing tax has been authorized, a merged area will be
24 permitted to levy by a vote of the people an additional tax in
25 an amount which, when combined with the originally authorized
26 tax, does not exceed the new maximum of 40.50 cents per \$1,000
27 of assessed valuation during the remaining period for which
28 the originally authorized tax was imposed.

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1 Amend Senate File 266 as follows:

2 1. Page 1, line 5, by striking the word "forty"
3 and inserting the following: "thirty".

4 2. Page 1, line 6, by striking the word "one-
5 half" and inserting the following: "three-eighths".

6 3. Page 1, by inserting after line 16 the
7 following:

8 "Sec. ____ . Section 260C.17, Code 1999, is amended
9 to read as follows:

10 260C.17 PREPARATION AND APPROVAL OF BUDGET -- TAX.

11 The board of directors of each merged area shall
12 prepare an annual budget designating the proposed
13 expenditures for operation of the community college.
14 The board shall further designate the amounts which
15 are to be raised by local taxation and the amounts
16 which are to be raised by other sources of revenue for
17 the operation. The budget of each merged area shall
18 be submitted to the state board no later than May 1
19 preceding the next fiscal year for approval. The
20 state board shall review the proposed budget and
21 shall, prior to June 1, either grant its approval or
22 return the budget without approval with the comments
23 of the state board attached to it. Any unapproved
24 budget shall be resubmitted to the state board for
25 final approval. Upon approval of the budget by the
26 state board, the board of directors shall certify the
27 amount to the respective county auditors and the
28 boards of supervisors annually shall levy a tax of
29 twenty thirty and one-fourth three-eighths cents per
30 thousand dollars of assessed value on taxable property
31 in a merged area for the operation of a community
32 college. Taxes collected pursuant to the levy shall
33 be paid by the respective county treasurers to the
34 treasurer of the merged area as provided in section
35 331.552, subsection 29.

36 It is the policy of this state that the property
37 tax for the operation of community colleges shall not
38 in any event exceed twenty thirty and one-fourth
39 three-eighths cents per thousand dollars of assessed
40 value, and that the present and future costs of such
41 operation in excess of the funds raised by such levy
42 shall be the responsibility of the state and shall not
43 be paid from property tax."

44 4. Page 1, line 21, by striking the word "forty"
45 and inserting the following: "thirty".

46 5. Page 1, line 22, by striking the word "one-
47 half" and inserting the following: "three-eighths".

48 6. Page 2, line 15, by striking the words "forty
49 and one-half" and inserting the following: "thirty
50 and three-eighths".

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1 7. Title page, by striking line 2 and inserting
2 the following: "operations and facilities levies".

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