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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

HOUSE FILE 458  
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Vote: Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_ Vote: Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_  
Approved \_\_\_\_\_

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to drainage and levee districts, by providing for  
2 administrative assessments.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 331.553, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code  
2 2005, is amended to read as follows:

3 The treasurer may do any of the following:

4 Sec. 2. Section 331.553, subsection 4, Code 2005, is  
5 amended to read as follows:

6 4. Charge five dollars, as an administrative expense, for  
7 every rate, charge, rental, or special assessment certified as  
8 a lien to the treasurer for collection. This amount shall be  
9 added to the amount of the lien, collected at the time of  
10 payment from the payor, and credited to the county general  
11 fund. If the amount of the lien is paid in annual  
12 installments, an administrative expense charge shall be added  
13 to each annual installment. However, this charge shall not be  
14 added to an assessment, including a tax or levy, which is  
15 levied, collected, or paid under chapter 468.

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EXPLANATION

17 This bill amends provisions which govern the relationship  
18 between counties and drainage districts or levee districts as  
19 established under Code chapter 468. Generally, a county board  
20 of supervisors is the governing body of a district. In the  
21 case of an intercounty district, the governing body is the  
22 board of supervisors in both jurisdictions which may meet in  
23 joint session and which have common voting rights. There are  
24 also instances in which a board of trustees manages a  
25 district.

26 Code section 331.553 establishes a \$5 surcharge payable to  
27 a county treasurer for special assessments certified as liens  
28 which is used to pay for administrative expenses. The bill  
29 provides that the charge shall not be added to an assessment  
30 or other tax levied to pay for improvements within a drainage  
31 district.

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