

Senate File 2218 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the procedures for transferring title of an
2 abandoned property to a city.

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

1 Section 1. Section 657A.10A, subsection 6, Code 2018, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 6. If a city files a petition under subsection 1, naming the
4 holder of a tax sale certificate of purchase for the property
5 as a respondent, the city shall also file the petition,
6 along with a verified statement declaring that the property
7 identified in the petition contains an abandoned building,
8 with the county treasurer. ~~Upon receiving the petition and~~
9 ~~verified statement,~~ If title is awarded to the city, the city
10 shall notify the county treasurer, who shall make an entry in
11 the county system canceling the sale of the property and shall
12 refund the purchase money to the tax sale certificate holder.

13 EXPLANATION

14 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
15 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

16 Currently, when a city in which an abandoned building is
17 located petitions the court to enter a judgment awarding title
18 of an abandoned property to the city, the city must file its
19 petition and a verified statement declaring that the property
20 has an abandoned building with the county treasurer. Upon this
21 filing, the county treasurer enters a cancellation of the sale
22 of the property and refunds the purchase money to the tax sale
23 certificate holder. Under this bill, the county treasurer
24 instead cancels the sale and makes the refund when the title to
25 the property is awarded to the city. The bill requires a city
26 to notify the county treasurer of such an award.