

House File 2484 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON LOCAL
GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 2056)

(COMPANION TO SF 2025 BY
KOELKER)

A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to the employment of county engineers.
- 2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 309.19, Code 2020, is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 **309.19 ~~Adjacent counties~~ Counties joining in employment.**

4 The boards of supervisors of two or more ~~adjacent~~ counties
5 may enter into an agreement to jointly employ a county
6 engineer, employ professional and clerical assistants for
7 the engineer, and to provide such services as can be carried
8 on jointly and will operate to their mutual benefit. Such
9 agreement shall be written and entered in their respective
10 minutes. The engineer employed under such agreement shall
11 be the official county engineer for each of the respective
12 boards and shall be employed for such term of years as shall
13 be determined by the boards but in no event longer than the
14 period of time the mutual agreement between the boards is to
15 be in effect. The written agreement shall provide for the
16 determination of the cost of such joint program and the manner
17 of allocation of the cost to each board for inclusion in the
18 respective budgets. The boards by mutual agreement shall
19 designate one board to make payments for salaries and other
20 costs of the joint program. The board shall be reimbursed
21 by the other board or boards in accordance with the joint
22 agreement. The provisions of [chapter 28E](#) shall be applicable
23 to [this section](#).

24 EXPLANATION

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

27 This bill relates to county engineers employed jointly by
28 multiple counties. Under current law, two or more adjacent
29 counties may jointly employ a county engineer and the
30 professional and clerical staff for the engineer pursuant to
31 an agreement under Code chapter 28E. The bill removes the
32 requirement that the counties be adjacent.