

House Study Bill 675 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE _____

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

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to limitations on public school district bond
2 elections and including effective date provisions.

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

1 Section 1. Section 75.1, subsection 2, Code 2020, is amended
2 to read as follows:

3 2. a. When a proposition to authorize an issuance of bonds
4 by a political subdivision subject to this chapter that is not
5 a school district has been submitted to the electors under
6 this section and the proposal fails to gain approval by the
7 required percentage of votes, such proposal, or any proposal
8 which incorporates any portion of the defeated proposal, shall
9 not be submitted to the electors for a period of six months
10 from the date of such regular or special election and may only
11 be submitted on a date specified in section 39.2, subsection 4,
12 paragraph "a", "b", or "c", as applicable.

13 b. When a proposition to authorize an issuance of bonds by
14 a school district has been submitted to the electors under this
15 section and the proposal fails to gain approval by the required
16 percentage of votes, such proposal, or any proposal which
17 incorporates any portion of the defeated proposal, submitted to
18 the electors on or after the effective date of this Act shall
19 not be submitted to the electors for a period of one year from
20 the date of such regular or special election and may only be
21 submitted on a date specified in section 39.2, subsection 4,
22 paragraph "c".

23 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE UPON ENACTMENT. This Act, being deemed of
24 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

25 EXPLANATION

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

28 This bill makes changes relating to election requirements
29 and limitations for the issuance of certain bonds by school
30 districts.

31 Current law provides that when a bond proposition is
32 submitted to voters and fails to gain approval, the entity
33 submitting the proposal is prohibited from resubmitting the
34 proposal to voters, in any form, for a period of six months.

35 Under the bill, if a school district submits a proposal which

1 fails to gain approval of the voters, the school district is
2 then prohibited from resubmitting the proposal or submitting
3 a proposal which incorporates any portion of the defeated
4 proposal to voters for a period of one year.

5 Code section 75.1 applies to school corporations, which
6 by operation of Code section 260C.16, includes merged areas
7 (community colleges). The bill does not apply to merged areas.

8 The bill takes effect upon enactment.