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BY COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 1)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to local government funding by modifying school
2 district funding provisions, property tax calculation
3 provisions, local government budgeting and bonding
4 procedures, and including effective date and applicability
5 provisions.

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

DIVISION I

SCHOOL FOUNDATION PROPERTY TAX

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3 Section 1. Section 257.3, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code
4 2023, is amended to read as follows:

5 a. Except as provided in [subsections 2 and 3](#), a school
6 district shall cause to be levied each year, for the school
7 general fund, a foundation property tax equal to ~~five~~ four
8 dollars and forty cents per thousand dollars of assessed
9 valuation on all taxable property in the district. The county
10 auditor shall spread the foundation levy over all taxable
11 property in the district.

12 Sec. 2. Section 257.3, subsection 2, paragraphs a and b,
13 Code 2023, are amended to read as follows:

14 a. Notwithstanding [subsection 1](#), a reorganized school
15 district shall cause a foundation property tax of ~~four~~ three
16 dollars and forty cents per thousand dollars of assessed
17 valuation to be levied on all taxable property which, in the
18 year preceding a reorganization, was within a school district
19 affected by the reorganization as defined in [section 275.1](#),
20 or in the year preceding a dissolution was a part of a school
21 district that dissolved if the dissolution proposal has
22 been approved by the director of the department of education
23 pursuant to [section 275.55](#).

24 b. In succeeding school years, the foundation property tax
25 levy on that portion shall be increased to the rate of ~~four~~
26 three dollars and ninety cents per thousand dollars of assessed
27 valuation the first succeeding year, ~~five~~ four dollars and
28 fifteen cents per thousand dollars of assessed valuation the
29 second succeeding year, and ~~five~~ four dollars and forty cents
30 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation the third succeeding
31 year and each year thereafter.

32 Sec. 3. Section 425A.3, subsection 1, Code 2023, is amended
33 to read as follows:

34 1. The family farm tax credit fund shall be apportioned
35 each year in the manner provided in [this chapter](#) so as to give

1 a credit against the tax on each eligible tract of agricultural
 2 land within the several school districts of the state in which
 3 the levy for the general school fund exceeds ~~five dollars and~~
 4 ~~forty cents per thousand dollars of assessed value~~ the levy
 5 rate under section 257.3, subsection 1, paragraph "a". The
 6 amount of the credit on each eligible tract of agricultural
 7 land shall be the amount the tax levied for the general school
 8 fund exceeds the amount of tax which would be levied on each
 9 eligible tract of agricultural land were the levy for the
 10 general school fund ~~five dollars and forty cents per thousand~~
 11 ~~dollars of assessed value~~ the levy rate under section 257.3,
 12 subsection 1, paragraph "a", for the previous year. However,
 13 in the case of a deficiency in the family farm tax credit fund
 14 to pay the credits in full, the credit on each eligible tract
 15 of agricultural land in the state shall be proportionate and
 16 applied as provided in [this chapter](#).

17 Sec. 4. Section 425A.5, Code 2023, is amended to read as
 18 follows:

19 **425A.5 Computation by county auditor.**

20 The family farm tax credit allowed each year shall be
 21 computed as follows: On or before April 1, the county auditor
 22 shall list by school districts all tracts of agricultural
 23 land which are entitled to credit, the taxable value for the
 24 previous year, the budget from each school district for the
 25 previous year, and the tax rate determined for the general
 26 fund of the school district in the manner prescribed in
 27 section 444.3 for the previous year, and if the tax rate is in
 28 excess of ~~five dollars and forty cents per thousand dollars of~~
 29 ~~assessed value~~ the levy rate under section 257.3, subsection
 30 1, paragraph "a", the auditor shall multiply the tax levy which
 31 is in excess of ~~five dollars and forty cents per thousand~~
 32 ~~dollars of assessed value~~ the levy rate under section 257.3,
 33 subsection 1, paragraph "a", by the total taxable value of the
 34 agricultural land entitled to credit in the school district,
 35 and on or before April 1, certify the total amount of credit

1 and the total number of acres entitled to the credit to the
2 department of revenue.

3 Sec. 5. Section 426.3, Code 2023, is amended to read as
4 follows:

5 **426.3 Where credit given.**

6 The agricultural land credit fund shall be apportioned each
7 year in the manner hereinafter provided so as to give a credit
8 against the tax on each tract of agricultural lands within the
9 several school districts of the state in which the levy for
10 the general school fund exceeds ~~five dollars and forty cents~~
11 ~~per thousand dollars of assessed value~~ the levy rate under
12 section 257.3, subsection 1, paragraph "a"; the amount of such
13 credit on each tract of such lands shall be the amount the tax
14 levied for the general school fund exceeds the amount of tax
15 which would be levied on said tract of such lands were the
16 levy for the general school fund ~~five dollars and forty cents~~
17 ~~per thousand dollars of assessed value~~ the levy rate under
18 section 257.3, subsection 1, paragraph "a", for the previous
19 year, except in the case of a deficiency in the agricultural
20 land credit fund to pay said credits in full, in which case the
21 credit on each eligible tract of such lands in the state shall
22 be proportionate and shall be applied as hereinafter provided.

23 Sec. 6. Section 426.6, subsection 1, Code 2023, is amended
24 to read as follows:

25 1. The agricultural land tax credit allowed each year
26 shall be computed as follows: On or before April 1, the
27 county auditor shall list by school districts all tracts of
28 agricultural lands which are entitled to credit, together with
29 the taxable value for the previous year, together with the
30 budget from each school district for the previous year, and the
31 tax rate determined for the general fund of the district in
32 the manner prescribed in [section 444.3](#) for the previous year,
33 and if such tax rate is in excess of ~~five dollars and forty~~
34 ~~cents per thousand dollars of assessed value~~ the levy rate
35 under section 257.3, subsection 1, paragraph "a", the auditor

1 shall multiply the tax levy which is in excess of ~~five dollars~~
2 ~~and forty cents per thousand dollars of assessed value~~ the
3 levy rate under section 257.3, subsection 1, paragraph "a", by
4 the total taxable value of the agricultural lands entitled to
5 credit in the district, and on or before April 1, certify the
6 amount to the department of revenue.

7 Sec. 7. ADJUSTMENT OF CALCULATIONS. For property tax
8 credits under chapters 425A and 426 for property taxes due and
9 payable in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, the tax rate
10 determined for the general fund of the school district in the
11 manner prescribed in section 444.3 for the previous year shall
12 be determined using the applicable property tax levy rate under
13 section 257.3, as amended in this division of this Act.

14 Sec. 8. EFFECTIVE DATE. This division of this Act, being
15 deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

16 Sec. 9. APPLICABILITY. The following apply July 1, 2023,
17 for school budget years beginning on or after that date:

18 1. The section of this division of this Act amending section
19 257.3, subsection 1, paragraph "a".

20 2. The section of this division of this Act amending section
21 257.3, subsection 2, paragraphs "a" and "b".

22 DIVISION II

23 PROPERTY TAX LIMITATION

24 Sec. 10. Section 443.2, subsection 1, Code 2023, is amended
25 to read as follows:

26 1. Before the first day of July in each year, the county
27 auditor shall transcribe the assessments of the townships and
28 cities into a book or record, to be known as the tax list,
29 properly ruled and headed, with separate columns, in which
30 shall be entered the names of the taxpayers, descriptions of
31 lands, number of acres and value, numbers of city lots and
32 value, and each description of tax, with a column for polls and
33 one for payments, and shall complete it by entering the amount
34 due on each installment, separately, and carrying out the total
35 of both installments. The total of all columns of each page of

1 each book or other record shall balance with the tax totals.
2 After computing the amount of tax due and payable on each
3 property, the county auditor shall round the total amount of
4 tax due and payable on the property to the nearest even whole
5 dollar and, if applicable, reduce the amounts due and payable
6 as required under section 444.25.

7 Sec. 11. Section 444.1, Code 2023, is amended to read as
8 follows:

9 **444.1 Basis for amount of tax.**

10 In all taxing districts in the state, including townships,
11 school districts, cities, and counties, when by law then
12 existing the people are authorized to determine by vote, or
13 officers are authorized to estimate or determine, a rate of
14 taxation required for any public purpose, such rate shall in
15 all cases be estimated and based upon the adjusted taxable
16 valuation of such taxing district for the preceding calendar
17 year and subject to the limitation of section 444.25.

18 Sec. 12. Section 444.2, Code 2023, is amended to read as
19 follows:

20 **444.2 Amounts certified in dollars.**

21 When an authorized tax rate within a taxing district,
22 including townships, school districts, cities, and counties,
23 has been thus determined as provided by law, the officer or
24 officers charged with the duty of certifying the authorized
25 rate to the county auditor or board of supervisors shall,
26 before certifying the rate, compute upon the adjusted taxable
27 valuation of the taxing district for the preceding fiscal year,
28 the amount of tax the rate will raise, stated in dollars,
29 subject to the limitation of section 444.25, and shall certify
30 the computed amount in dollars and not by rate, to the county
31 auditor and board of supervisors.

32 Sec. 13. Section 444.3, Code 2023, is amended to read as
33 follows:

34 **444.3 Computation of rate.**

35 When the valuations for the several taxing districts shall

1 have been adjusted by the several boards for the current
2 year, the county auditor shall thereupon apply such a rate,
3 not exceeding the rate authorized by law, as will raise the
4 amount required for such taxing district, and no larger amount,
5 subject to the limitation under section 444.25. For purposes
6 of computing the rate under **this section**, the adjusted taxable
7 valuation of the property of a taxing district does not include
8 the valuation of property of a railway corporation or its
9 trustee which corporation has been declared bankrupt or is in
10 bankruptcy proceedings. Nothing in the preceding sentence
11 exempts the property of such railway corporation or its trustee
12 from taxation and the rate computed under **this section** shall
13 be levied on the taxable property of such railway corporation
14 or its trustee.

15 Sec. 14. Section 444.22, Code 2023, is amended to read as
16 follows:

17 **444.22 Annual levy.**

18 In each year the director of revenue shall fix the rate in
19 percentage to be levied upon the assessed valuation of the
20 taxable property of the state necessary to raise the amount for
21 general state purposes as shall be designated by the department
22 of management, subject to the limitation under section 444.25.

23 Sec. 15. NEW SECTION. **444.25 Property tax amount limitation**
24 **— reduction.**

25 1. For purposes of this section:

26 *a. "Base year"* means the assessment year preceding the
27 assessment year used to calculate property taxes due and
28 payable in the applicable fiscal year.

29 *b. "Local taxing authority"* means a city, county, community
30 college, school district, or other governmental subdivision
31 located in this state and authorized to certify a levy on
32 property located within such authority.

33 *c. "New construction"* means buildings, structures, or
34 improvements constructed or relocated on or made to the parcel.

35 *d. "Parcel"* means each separate item shown on the tax list,

1 manufactured or mobile home tax list, schedule of assessment,
2 or schedule of rate or charge.

3 *e. "Property taxes"* means annual ad valorem taxes imposed
4 on the parcel which are collectable by the county treasurer
5 following application of all applicable exemptions and credits,
6 and shall not include special assessments, amounts levied under
7 chapter 468, or taxes under chapter 435. *"Property taxes"* also
8 do not include taxes levied as the result of a property tax
9 levy approved at election or that portion of any property tax
10 levy imposed that is for the payment of principal and interest
11 on bonds or other indebtedness the issuance of which was
12 approved at election, including refunding bonds issued for the
13 repayment of bonds that were approved at election.

14 *f. "Qualified parcel"* means a parcel that is not located
15 in an urban renewal area under chapter 403 or an urban
16 revitalization area under chapter 404, is not wind energy
17 conversion property as defined in section 427B.26, and for
18 which none of the following apply:

19 (1) The parcel changed ownership during the base year.

20 (2) New construction occurred on the parcel during the base
21 year.

22 (3) The parcel's assessment for the base year was a partial
23 assessment as the result of incomplete new construction or
24 improvements.

25 (4) The parcel was omitted from assessment or fraudulently
26 withheld from assessment in the base year.

27 (5) The parcel's property taxes were suspended or abated
28 under sections 427.8, 427.9, and 427.10.

29 (6) The parcel's classification is different from the base
30 year.

31 2. *a.* For property taxes due and payable in fiscal years
32 beginning on or after July 1, 2024, if the amount of property
33 taxes otherwise calculated to be due and payable on a qualified
34 parcel of residential property or agricultural property
35 exceeds one hundred three percent of the actual amount of

1 property taxes due and payable on the parcel in the immediately
2 preceding fiscal year, such amount shall be reduced as provided
3 in subsection 3. If, however, improvements or renovations, not
4 amounting to new construction, occurs on the property during
5 the base year, the threshold amount of property taxes shall be
6 one hundred three percent plus the percentage of the parcel's
7 taxable value attributable to the improvements or renovations.
8 Improvements or renovations do not include normal and necessary
9 repairs to an existing building or improvement, not amounting
10 to structural replacements or modifications.

11 *b.* For property taxes due and payable in fiscal years
12 beginning on or after July 1, 2024, if the amount of property
13 taxes otherwise calculated to be due and payable on a qualified
14 parcel of commercial property or industrial property exceeds
15 one hundred eight percent of the actual amount of property
16 taxes due and payable on the parcel in the immediately
17 preceding fiscal year, such amount shall be reduced as provided
18 in subsection 3. If, however, improvements or renovations, not
19 amounting to new construction, occurs on the property during
20 the base year, the threshold amount of property taxes shall be
21 one hundred eight percent plus the percentage of the parcel's
22 taxable value attributable to the improvements or renovations.
23 Improvements or renovations do not include normal and necessary
24 repairs to an existing building or improvement, not amounting
25 to structural replacements or modifications.

26 *c.* Property taxes levied by a political subdivision that did
27 not exist for the immediately preceding fiscal year shall not
28 be included in the calculation of the property tax to be due
29 and payable for the fiscal year and shall not be reduced under
30 subsection 3.

31 3. *a.* If the total amount of property taxes due and
32 payable on the parcel exceeds the applicable threshold for
33 the parcel under subsection 2, the amount of property taxes
34 due and payable to each taxing authority that certified for
35 levy property taxes on the parcel in excess of the applicable

1 threshold percentage of such amount levied by that taxing
2 authority on the parcel in the immediately preceding fiscal
3 year shall be reduced by the amount by which the parcel's
4 total amount of property taxes due and payable for all taxing
5 authorities exceeds the applicable threshold for the parcel
6 under subsection 2.

7 *b.* The amount of the reduction shall be proportionately
8 applied among the various levies for property taxes, or
9 portions thereof, of those taxing authorities that certified
10 for levy property taxes on the parcel in excess of the
11 applicable threshold percentage of such amount levied by that
12 taxing authority on the parcel in the immediately preceding
13 fiscal year.

14 *c.* The reductions shall be made by the county auditor prior
15 to delivery of the tax list prescribed in chapter 443 to ensure
16 accurate statement of taxes under section 445.5.

17 4. The director of the department of revenue shall adopt
18 rules pursuant to chapter 17A to administer and interpret this
19 section.

20 Sec. 16. Section 445.5, subsection 1, paragraphs e, f, g,
21 and h, Code 2023, are amended to read as follows:

22 *e.* The complete name of all taxing authorities receiving a
23 tax distribution, the amount of the distribution, the amount of
24 any reduction resulting from section 444.25, and the percentage
25 distribution for each named authority, listed from the highest
26 to the lowest distribution percentage.

27 *f.* The consolidated levy rate for one thousand dollars
28 of taxable valuation multiplied by the taxable valuation to
29 produce the gross taxes levied before application of credits
30 against levied taxes for the previous and current fiscal years
31 and before any reduction resulting from section 444.25.

32 *g.* The itemized credits against levied taxes deducted from
33 the gross taxes levied in order to produce the net taxes owed
34 for the previous and current fiscal years and the amount of any
35 reductions under section 444.25 for previous and current fiscal

1 years.

2 *h.* The total amount of taxes levied by each taxing authority
3 in the previous fiscal year and the current fiscal year and the
4 difference between the two amounts, expressed as a percentage
5 increase or decrease, and the amount of any reduction to a
6 taxing authority resulting from section 444.25.

7 Sec. 17. Section 445.57, subsection 1, Code 2023, is amended
8 to read as follows:

9 1. On or before the tenth day of each month, the county
10 treasurer shall apportion all taxes collected during the
11 preceding month, except partial payment amounts collected
12 pursuant to [section 445.36A, subsection 1](#), partial payments
13 collected and not yet designated by the county treasurer
14 for apportionment pursuant to section 445.36A, subsection
15 2, partial payments collected pursuant to section 435.24,
16 subsection 6, paragraph "a", and partial payments collected and
17 not yet designated by the county treasurer for apportionment
18 pursuant to [section 435.24, subsection 6](#), paragraph "b", among
19 the several funds to which they belong according to the amount
20 levied for each fund, as adjusted under section 444.25, if
21 applicable, and shall apportion the interest, fees, and costs
22 on the taxes to the general fund, and shall enter those amounts
23 upon the treasurer's cash account, and report the amounts to
24 the county auditor.

25 Sec. 18. IMPLEMENTATION OF ACT.

26 1. Section 25B.2, subsection 3, shall not apply to this
27 division of this Act.

28 2. Section 25B.7 shall not apply to this division of this
29 Act.

30 Sec. 19. APPLICABILITY. This division of this Act applies
31 to property taxes due and payable in fiscal years beginning on
32 or after July 1, 2024.

33 DIVISION III

34 LOCAL GOVERNMENT BUDGETS

35 Sec. 20. Section 24.9, subsection 1, Code 2023, is amended

1 to read as follows:

2 1. a. Each municipality shall file with the secretary or
3 clerk thereof the estimates required to be made in sections
4 24.3 through 24.8, at least twenty days before the date fixed
5 by law for certifying the same to the levying board and shall
6 forthwith fix a date for a hearing on the estimates, and
7 shall publish such estimates and any annual levies previously
8 authorized as provided in [section 76.2](#), with a notice of the
9 time when and the place where such hearing shall be held not
10 less than ten nor more than twenty days before the hearing.
11 Provided that in municipalities of less than two hundred
12 population such estimates and the notice of hearing shall
13 be posted in three public places in the district in lieu of
14 publication. For any other municipality such publication
15 shall be in a newspaper published in the municipality, if any,
16 if not, then in a newspaper of general circulation in the
17 municipality. Except for a municipality with property tax
18 revenues for the immediately preceding fiscal year of less
19 than five thousand dollars, the notice shall also include the
20 information required under paragraph "c", subparagraph (2),
21 subparagraph divisions (a) through (d), which shall be adopted
22 by resolution of the municipality.

23 b. The department of management shall prescribe the form for
24 public hearing notices for use by municipalities and notices
25 required to be sent under paragraph "c".

26 c. (1) For purposes of this paragraph:

27 (a) "Budget year" is the fiscal year beginning during the
28 calendar year in which a budget is certified.

29 (b) "Current fiscal year" is the fiscal year ending during
30 the calendar year in which a budget for the budget year is
31 certified.

32 (c) "Effective property tax rate" means the property tax
33 rate per one thousand dollars of assessed value and is equal to
34 one thousand multiplied by the quotient of the current fiscal
35 year's actual property tax dollars certified for levy divided

1 by the total assessed value used to calculate taxes for the
2 budget year.

3 (2) In addition to the notices published and posted
4 under paragraph "a", the municipality shall direct the
5 county treasurer to send to each owner or taxpayer within
6 the municipality by regular mail, on or before the date
7 of publication under paragraph "a", an individual notice
8 containing all of the following:

9 (a) The sum of the current fiscal year's actual property
10 taxes certified for levy by the municipality and the
11 municipality's current fiscal year's combined property tax rate
12 for such amount.

13 (b) The effective property tax rate calculated using the sum
14 of the current fiscal year's actual property taxes certified by
15 the municipality.

16 (c) The sum of the proposed property tax dollars to be
17 certified for levy by the municipality for the budget year and
18 the proposed combined property tax rate for such amount.

19 (d) If the proposed property tax dollars specified under
20 subparagraph division (c) exceeds the current fiscal year's
21 actual property tax dollars certified for levy specified in
22 subparagraph division (a), a statement of the major reasons for
23 the increase.

24 (e) The assessed value of the owner's or taxpayer's property
25 used to calculate property taxes for the current fiscal year.

26 (f) The assessed value of the owner's or taxpayer's property
27 used to calculate property taxes for the budget year.

28 (g) The amount of property taxes due on the owner's or
29 taxpayer's property for the current fiscal year for the
30 municipality.

31 (h) The proposed amount of property taxes to be levied
32 against the owner's or taxpayer's property for the budget year
33 for the municipality.

34 (3) This paragraph does not apply to municipalities with
35 property tax revenues for the immediately preceding fiscal year

1 of less than five thousand dollars.

2 Sec. 21. Section 331.433A, subsection 4, paragraph b, Code
3 2023, is amended to read as follows:

4 b. Proof of publication shall be filed with and preserved
5 by the auditor. The department of management shall prescribe
6 the form for the public hearing notice for use by counties, the
7 form for individual notices provided under paragraph "c", and
8 the form for the resolution to be adopted by the board under
9 subsection 5.

10 Sec. 22. Section 331.433A, subsection 4, Code 2023, is
11 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

12 NEW PARAGRAPH. c. In addition to the notices published and
13 posted under paragraph "a", the county shall direct the county
14 treasurer to send to each owner or taxpayer by regular mail,
15 on or before the date of publication under paragraph "a", an
16 individual notice containing the information required under
17 paragraph "a", subparagraphs (1) through (4), and all of the
18 following:

19 (1) The assessed value of the owner's or taxpayer's property
20 used to calculate property taxes for the current fiscal year.

21 (2) The assessed value of the owner's or taxpayer's property
22 used to calculate property taxes for the budget year.

23 (3) The amount of property taxes due on the owner's or
24 taxpayer's property for the current fiscal year for general
25 county services and rural county services under the levies
26 specified in subsection 2, paragraphs "a" and "b".

27 (4) The proposed amount of property taxes to be levied
28 against the owner's or taxpayer's property for the budget year
29 for general county services and rural county services under the
30 levies specified in subsection 2, paragraphs "a" and "b".

31 Sec. 23. Section 331.433A, subsection 5, paragraph a, Code
32 2023, is amended to read as follows:

33 a. At the public hearing, the board shall receive oral
34 or written objections from any resident or property owner
35 of the county. After all objections have been received and

1 considered, the board may decrease, but not increase, the
2 proposed maximum property tax dollar amounts for inclusion in
3 the resolution and shall adopt the resolution and file the
4 resolution with the auditor as required under section 331.434,
5 subsection 3. In addition to the proposed maximum property tax
6 dollar amounts for general county services and rural county
7 services, the resolution shall also include the effective
8 property tax rate for general county services, the effective
9 property tax rate for rural county services, the estimated
10 property tax rate for the proposed general county services
11 maximum property tax dollar amount, and the estimated property
12 tax rate for the proposed rural county services maximum
13 property tax dollar amount.

14 Sec. 24. Section 331.553, Code 2023, is amended by adding
15 the following new subsection:

16 NEW SUBSECTION. 9. If all applicable information is
17 available in a timely manner, consolidate all required
18 individual notices required under section 24.9, subsection 1,
19 paragraph "c", subparagraph (2), section 331.433A, subsection
20 4, paragraph "c", section 359.49, subsection 4, paragraph
21 "b", subparagraph (2), and section 384.15A, subsection 4,
22 paragraph "c", so that all applicable notices appear on a single
23 individual notice for each owner or taxpayer.

24 Sec. 25. Section 359.49, subsection 4, Code 2023, is amended
25 to read as follows:

26 4. a. The board of trustees shall transmit a copy of the
27 proposed budget and a notice of the meeting set as required by
28 subsection 5 to the county auditor for posting. The county
29 auditor shall post the notice and the proposed budget in an
30 area of the courthouse where notices to the public are commonly
31 posted. The notice shall also include the information required
32 under paragraph "b", subparagraph (2), subparagraph divisions
33 (a) through (d), which shall be adopted by resolution of the
34 board of trustees.

35 b. (1) For purposes of this paragraph:

1 (a) "Budget year" is the fiscal year beginning during the
2 calendar year in which a budget is certified.

3 (b) "Current fiscal year" is the fiscal year ending during
4 the calendar year in which a budget for the budget year is
5 certified.

6 (c) "Effective property tax rate" means the property tax
7 rate per one thousand dollars of assessed value and is equal to
8 one thousand multiplied by the quotient of the current fiscal
9 year's actual property tax dollars certified for levy divided
10 by the total assessed value used to calculate taxes for the
11 budget year.

12 (2) In addition to the notices published and posted under
13 paragraph "a", the township shall direct the county treasurer to
14 send to each owner or taxpayer within the township by regular
15 mail, on or before the date of posting under paragraph "a", an
16 individual notice containing all of the following:

17 (a) The sum of the current fiscal year's actual property
18 taxes certified for levy by the township and the township's
19 current fiscal year's combined property tax rate for such
20 amount.

21 (b) The effective property tax rate calculated using the sum
22 of the current fiscal year's actual property taxes certified by
23 the township.

24 (c) The sum of the proposed property tax dollars to be
25 certified for levy by the township for the budget year and the
26 proposed combined property tax rate for such amount.

27 (d) If the proposed property tax dollars specified under
28 subparagraph division (c) exceed the current fiscal year's
29 actual property tax dollars certified for levy specified in
30 subparagraph division (a), a statement of the major reasons for
31 the increase.

32 (e) The assessed value of the owner's or taxpayer's property
33 used to calculate property taxes for the current fiscal year.

34 (f) The assessed value of the owner's or taxpayer's property
35 used to calculate property taxes for the budget year.

1 (g) The amount of property taxes due on the owner's or
2 taxpayer's property for the current fiscal year for the
3 township.

4 (h) The proposed amount of property taxes to be levied
5 against the owner's or taxpayer's property for the budget year
6 for the township.

7 Sec. 26. Section 384.15A, subsection 4, paragraph b, Code
8 2023, is amended to read as follows:

9 b. Proof of publication shall be filed with and preserved
10 by the county auditor. The department of management shall
11 prescribe the form for the public hearing notice for use
12 by cities, the form for individual notices provided under
13 paragraph "c", and the form for the resolution to be adopted by
14 the council under [subsection 5](#).

15 Sec. 27. Section 384.15A, subsection 4, Code 2023, is
16 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

17 NEW PARAGRAPH. c. In addition to the notices published and
18 posted under paragraph "a", the city shall direct the county
19 treasurer to send to each owner or taxpayer by regular mail,
20 on or before the date of publication under paragraph "a", an
21 individual notice containing the information required under
22 paragraph "a", subparagraphs (1) through (4), and all of the
23 following:

24 (1) The assessed value of the owner's or taxpayer's property
25 used to calculate property taxes for the current fiscal year.

26 (2) The assessed value of the owner's or taxpayer's property
27 used to calculate property taxes for the budget year.

28 (3) The amount of property taxes due on the owner's or
29 taxpayer's property for the current fiscal year for the city
30 under the levies specified in subsection 2.

31 (4) The proposed amount of property taxes to be levied
32 against the owner's or taxpayer's property for the budget year
33 for the city under the levies specified in subsection 2.

34 Sec. 28. Section 384.15A, subsection 5, paragraph a, Code
35 2023, is amended to read as follows:

1 a. At the public hearing, the council shall receive oral
2 or written objections from any resident or property owner
3 of the city. After all objections have been received and
4 considered, the council may decrease, but not increase, the
5 proposed maximum property tax dollar amount for inclusion in
6 the resolution and shall adopt the resolution and file the
7 resolution with the county auditor as required under section
8 384.16, subsection 3. In addition to the proposed maximum
9 property tax dollar amount, the resolution shall also include
10 the effective property tax rate, and the estimated property tax
11 rate for the proposed maximum property tax dollar amount.

12 Sec. 29. IMPLEMENTATION. Section 25B.2, subsection 3,
13 shall not apply to this division of this Act.

14 Sec. 30. APPLICABILITY. This division of this Act applies
15 to county, city, township, and municipality budgets for fiscal
16 years beginning on or after July 1, 2024.

17 DIVISION IV

18 BOND ELECTIONS

19 Sec. 31. Section 28E.16, Code 2023, is amended to read as
20 follows:

21 **28E.16 Election for bonds.**

22 When bonds which require a vote of the people are to be
23 issued for financing joint facilities of a county and one or
24 more cities within the county, pursuant to an agreement made
25 under the authority of [this chapter](#), or pursuant to other
26 provisions of law, the board of supervisors and the council of
27 each city shall arrange for a single election on the question
28 of issuing the bonds, but if the county and the cities are
29 proposing to make separate bond issues, the ballot shall
30 contain separate questions, one to be voted upon by all voters
31 of the county, and one or more to be voted upon only by the
32 voters of the city which is to make a separate bond issue. All
33 elections on the question of issuing the bonds shall be held on
34 the date specified in section 39.2, subsection 4, paragraph "d".

35 Sec. 32. Section 39.2, subsection 4, Code 2023, is amended

1 to read as follows:

2 4. Unless otherwise provided by law, special elections on
3 public measures are limited to the following dates:

4 a. ~~For~~ Except as provided in paragraph "d", for a county, in
5 an odd-numbered year, the first Tuesday in March, the second
6 Tuesday in September, or the first Tuesday after the first
7 Monday in November. For a county, in an even-numbered year,
8 the first Tuesday in March, the second Tuesday in September, or
9 the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

10 b. ~~For~~ Except as provided in paragraph "d", for a city, in
11 an odd-numbered year, the first Tuesday in March, the second
12 Tuesday in September, or the first Tuesday after the first
13 Monday in November. For a city, in an even-numbered year, the
14 first Tuesday in March or the second Tuesday in September.

15 c. ~~For~~ Except as provided in paragraph "d", for a school
16 district or merged area, in the odd-numbered year, the first
17 Tuesday in March, the second Tuesday in September, or the first
18 Tuesday after the first Monday in November. For a school
19 district or merged area, in the even-numbered year, the first
20 Tuesday in March, or the second Tuesday in September.

21 d. For any political subdivision of this state, if the
22 special election is in whole or in part for the question of
23 issuing bonds or other indebtedness, the first Tuesday after
24 the first Monday in November of each even-numbered year.

25 Sec. 33. NEW SECTION. 39.5 Notice of bond election.

26 In addition to any other notice related to the election
27 required by law to be published, posted, or provided, if the
28 election is subject to section 39.2, subsection 4, paragraph
29 "d", the commissioner shall not less than ten nor more than
30 twenty days before the day of each election mail to each
31 registered voter of the applicable jurisdiction a notice of the
32 election that includes the full text of the public measure to
33 be voted upon at the election.

34 Sec. 34. Section 75.1, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code 2023,
35 is amended to read as follows:

1 a. When a proposition to authorize an issuance of bonds
2 by a county, township, school corporation, city, or by any
3 local board or commission, is submitted to the electors, such
4 proposition shall not be deemed carried or adopted, anything
5 in the statutes to the contrary notwithstanding, unless the
6 vote in favor of such authorization is equal to at least sixty
7 percent of the total vote cast for and against said proposition
8 at said election. All elections on such proposition shall
9 be held on the date specified in section 39.2, subsection 4,
10 paragraph "d".

11 Sec. 35. Section 75.1, subsection 2, Code 2023, is amended
12 by striking the subsection.

13 Sec. 36. Section 279.39, Code 2023, is amended to read as
14 follows:

15 **279.39 School buildings.**

16 The board of any school corporation shall establish
17 attendance centers and provide suitable buildings for each
18 school in the district and may at the regular or a special
19 meeting resolve to submit to the registered voters of the
20 district at an election held on a date specified in section
21 39.2, subsection 4, ~~paragraph "c"~~, the question of voting a tax
22 or authorizing the board to issue bonds, or both.

23 Sec. 37. Section 296.3, Code 2023, is amended to read as
24 follows:

25 **296.3 Election called.**

26 Within ten days of receipt of a petition filed under section
27 296.2, the president of the board of directors shall call a
28 meeting of the board. The meeting shall be held within thirty
29 days after the petition was received. At the meeting, the
30 board shall call the election, fixing the time of the election,
31 ~~which may be at the time and place of holding the regular~~
32 ~~school election as required by section 39.2, subsection 4,~~
33 paragraph "d". However, if the board determines by unanimous
34 vote that the proposition or propositions requested by a
35 petition to be submitted at an election are grossly unrealistic

1 or contrary to the needs of the school district, no election
2 shall be called. If more than one petition has been received
3 by the time the board meets to consider the petition triggering
4 the meeting, the board shall act upon the petitions in the
5 order they were received at the meeting called to consider the
6 initial petition. The decision of the board may be appealed to
7 the state board of education as provided in [chapter 290](#). The
8 president shall notify the county commissioner of elections of
9 the time of the election.

10 Sec. 38. Section 298.21, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2023,
11 is amended to read as follows:

12 The board of directors of any school corporation when
13 authorized by the voters at an election held on a date
14 specified in [section 39.2, subsection 4](#), paragraph ~~"e"~~ "d",
15 may issue the negotiable, interest-bearing school bonds of the
16 corporation for borrowing money for any or all of the following
17 purposes:

18 Sec. 39. Section 331.442, subsection 3, Code 2023, is
19 amended to read as follows:

20 3. a. All elections held pursuant to this section shall
21 be held on the date specified in section 39.2, subsection 4,
22 paragraph "d".

23 b. Notice of the election shall be given by publication as
24 specified in [section 331.305](#). At the election the ballot used
25 for the submission of the proposition shall be in substantially
26 the form for submitting special questions at general elections.

27 Sec. 40. Section 346.27, subsection 10, paragraph a, Code
28 2023, is amended to read as follows:

29 a. After the incorporation of an authority, and before the
30 sale of any issue of revenue bonds, except refunding bonds, the
31 authority shall submit to the voters the question of whether
32 the authority shall issue and sell revenue bonds. The ballot
33 shall state the amount of the bonds and the purposes for
34 which the authority is incorporated. All registered voters
35 of the county shall be entitled to vote on the question. The

1 question ~~may~~ shall be submitted at an election held on a the
2 date specified in section 39.2, subsection 4, paragraph ~~"a"~~ or
3 ~~"b"~~, as applicable "d". An affirmative vote of a majority of
4 the votes cast on the question is required to authorize the
5 issuance and sale of revenue bonds.

6 Sec. 41. Section 357C.10, Code 2023, is amended to read as
7 follows:

8 **357C.10 Bonds in anticipation of revenue.**

9 Benefited street lighting districts may anticipate the
10 collection of taxes by the levy herein provided, and to carry
11 out the purposes of this chapter may issue bonds payable
12 in not more than ten equal installments, with the rate of
13 interest thereon not exceeding that permitted by chapter 74A.
14 No indebtedness shall be incurred under this chapter until
15 authorized by an election. Such election shall be held and
16 notice given in the same manner as the election provided herein
17 for the authorization of a tax levy, and the same sixty percent
18 vote shall be necessary to authorize indebtedness. ~~Both~~
19 Subject to section 39.2, subsection 4, both propositions may be
20 submitted to the voters in the same election.

21 Sec. 42. Section 357D.11, Code 2023, is amended to read as
22 follows:

23 **357D.11 Bonds in anticipation of revenue.**

24 A district may anticipate the collection of taxes by the
25 levy authorized in this chapter, and to carry out the purposes
26 of this chapter may issue bonds payable in not more than ten
27 equal installments with the rate of interest not exceeding
28 that permitted by chapter 74A. An indebtedness shall not be
29 incurred under this chapter until authorized by an election.
30 The election shall be held and notice given in the same manner
31 as provided in section 357D.8, and the same sixty percent vote
32 shall be necessary to authorize indebtedness. ~~Both~~ Subject to
33 section 39.2, subsection 4, both propositions may be submitted
34 to the voters at the same election.

35 Sec. 43. Section 357E.11, Code 2023, is amended to read as

1 follows:

2 **357E.11 Bonds in anticipation of revenue.**

3 A district, other than a combined district, may anticipate
4 the collection of taxes by the levy authorized in [this chapter](#),
5 and to carry out the purposes of [this chapter](#) may issue bonds
6 payable in not more than twenty equal installments with the
7 rate of interest not exceeding that permitted by [chapter 74A](#).
8 An indebtedness shall not be incurred under [this section](#)
9 until authorized by an election. The election shall be held
10 and notice given in the same manner as provided in section
11 357E.8, and the same majority vote is necessary to authorize
12 indebtedness. ~~Both~~ Subject to section 39.2, subsection 4,
13 both propositions may be submitted to the voters at the same
14 election.

15 Sec. 44. Section 357E.11A, subsection 3, Code 2023, is
16 amended to read as follows:

17 3. Except for the issuance of refunding bonds, an
18 indebtedness shall not be incurred under [this section](#) until
19 authorized by an election. The election shall be held and
20 notice given in the same manner as provided in [section 357E.8](#),
21 except that a proposition to authorize indebtedness is
22 approved if sixty percent of those voting on the proposition
23 vote in favor of the proposition. A Subject to section
24 39.2, subsection 4, a proposition for the authorization
25 of indebtedness may be submitted to the voters at the same
26 election as the election under [section 357E.8](#).

27 Sec. 45. Section 357F.11, Code 2023, is amended to read as
28 follows:

29 **357F.11 Bonds in anticipation of revenue.**

30 A district may anticipate the collection of taxes authorized
31 in [this chapter](#), and to carry out the purposes of [this chapter](#)
32 may issue bonds payable in not more than ten equal installments
33 with the rate of interest not exceeding that permitted by
34 [chapter 74A](#). An indebtedness shall not be incurred under this
35 [chapter](#) until authorized by an election. The election shall

1 be held and notice given in the same manner as provided in
2 section 357F.8, and a sixty percent vote shall be necessary
3 to authorize indebtedness. ~~Both~~ Subject to section 39.2,
4 subsection 4, both propositions may be submitted to the voters
5 at the same election.

6 Sec. 46. Section 357G.11, Code 2023, is amended to read as
7 follows:

8 **357G.11 Bonds in anticipation of revenue.**

9 A district may anticipate the collection of taxes authorized
10 in **this chapter**, and to carry out the purposes of **this chapter**
11 may issue bonds payable in not more than ten equal installments
12 with the rate of interest not exceeding that permitted by
13 chapter 74A. An indebtedness shall not be incurred under this
14 chapter until authorized by an election. The election shall
15 be held and notice given in the same manner as provided in
16 section 357G.8, and a sixty percent vote shall be necessary
17 to authorize indebtedness. ~~Both~~ Subject to section 39.2,
18 subsection 4, both propositions may be submitted to the voters
19 at the same election.

20 Sec. 47. Section 357I.12, Code 2023, is amended to read as
21 follows:

22 **357I.12 Bonds in anticipation of revenue.**

23 A district may anticipate the collection of taxes by the
24 levy authorized in **this chapter**, and to carry out the purposes
25 of **this chapter** may issue bonds payable in not more than ten
26 equal installments with the rate of interest not exceeding
27 that permitted by **chapter 74A**. An indebtedness shall not be
28 incurred under **this chapter** until authorized by an election.
29 The election shall be held and notice given in the same manner
30 as provided in **section 357I.8**, and the same sixty percent vote
31 shall be necessary to authorize indebtedness. ~~Both~~ Subject to
32 section 39.2, subsection 4, both propositions may be submitted
33 to the voters at the same election.

34 Sec. 48. Section 384.26, subsections 2 and 3, Code 2023, are
35 amended to read as follows:

1 2. Before the council may institute proceedings for the
2 issuance of bonds for a general corporate purpose, it shall
3 call a special ~~city~~ election to vote upon the question of
4 issuing the bonds. At the election the proposition must be
5 submitted in the following form:

6 Shall the (insert the name of the city) issue
7 its bonds in an amount not exceeding the amount of \$.... for
8 the purpose of?

9 3. a. All elections held pursuant to this section shall
10 be held on the date specified in section 39.2, subsection 4,
11 paragraph "d".

12 b. Notice of the election must be given by publication
13 as required by [section 49.53](#) in a newspaper of general
14 circulation in the city. At the election the ballot used for
15 the submission of the proposition must be in substantially the
16 form for submitting special questions at general elections.

17 Sec. 49. Section 394.2, subsection 1, Code 2023, is amended
18 to read as follows:

19 1. It shall not be necessary to submit to the voters the
20 proposition of issuing bonds for refunding purposes, but prior
21 to the issuance of bonds for other purposes the council shall
22 submit to the voters of the city ~~at a general election or a~~
23 ~~regular city election~~ on the date specified in section 39.2,
24 subsection 4, paragraph "d", the proposition of issuing the
25 bonds. Notice of the election on the proposition of issuing
26 bonds shall be published as required by [section 49.53](#). The
27 notice shall also state whether or not an admission fee is to
28 be charged by the zoo or zoological gardens.

29 Sec. 50. Section 423F.4, subsection 2, paragraph b, Code
30 2023, is amended to read as follows:

31 b. For bonds subject to the requirements of paragraph
32 "a", if at any time prior to the fifteenth day following the
33 hearing, the secretary of the board of directors receives a
34 petition containing the required number of signatures and
35 asking that the question of the issuance of such bonds be

1 submitted to the voters of the school district, the board shall
2 either rescind its adoption of the resolution or direct the
3 county commissioner of elections to submit the question to the
4 registered voters of the school district at an election held on
5 a the date specified in section 39.2, subsection 4, paragraph
6 ~~"e"~~ "d". The petition must be signed by eligible electors equal
7 in number to not less than one hundred or thirty percent of
8 the number of voters at the last preceding election of school
9 officials under section 277.1, whichever is greater. If the
10 board submits the question at an election and a majority of
11 those voting on the question favors issuance of the bonds, the
12 board shall be authorized to issue the bonds.

13 Sec. 51. IMPLEMENTATION OF ACT. Section 25B.2, subsection
14 3, shall not apply to this division of this Act.

15 Sec. 52. APPLICABILITY. This division of this Act applies
16 July 1, 2023, for elections on propositions relating to the
17 issuing of bonds or other indebtedness occurring on or after
18 that date.

19 EXPLANATION

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

22 This bill relates to local government funding by modifying
23 school district funding provisions, property tax calculation
24 provisions, and local government budgeting and bonding
25 procedures.

26 DIVISION I — SCHOOL FOUNDATION PROPERTY TAX. As part
27 of Iowa's system for funding school districts, Code section
28 257.3 requires each school district to levy each year, for
29 the school general fund, a foundation property tax equal to
30 \$5.40 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation on all taxable property
31 in the district. An exception to the \$5.40 levy rate is for
32 recently reorganized and dissolved school districts. For such
33 districts, the first succeeding year requires a rate of \$4.40,
34 the second succeeding year requires a rate of \$4.90, and for
35 the third succeeding year and thereafter a rate of \$5.40. The

1 bill reduces all of the applicable foundation property tax
2 rates by \$1.00.

3 The bill provides for an adjustment of property tax credit
4 calculations under Code chapters 425A (family farm tax credit)
5 and 426 (agricultural land tax credit) for property taxes due
6 and payable in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, to
7 account for the change to the property tax levy rate under Code
8 section 257.3 in the bill.

9 Division I takes effect upon enactment and the sections of
10 division I that amend Code section 257.3 apply July 1, 2023,
11 for school budget years beginning on or after that date.

12 DIVISION II — PROPERTY TAX LIMITATION. The bill provides
13 that for property taxes due and payable in fiscal years
14 beginning on or after July 1, 2024, if the amount of property
15 taxes otherwise calculated to be due and payable on a qualified
16 parcel of residential property or agricultural property exceeds
17 103 percent of the actual amount of property taxes due and
18 payable on the parcel in the immediately preceding fiscal year,
19 such amount due shall be reduced. Similarly, if the amount
20 of property taxes otherwise calculated to be due and payable
21 for such fiscal years on a qualified parcel of commercial
22 property or industrial property exceeds 108 percent of the
23 actual amount of property taxes due and payable on the parcel
24 in the immediately preceding fiscal year, such amount shall
25 be reduced. If, however, improvements or renovations, not
26 amounting to new construction, occur on the property during
27 the base year, as defined in the bill, the threshold amount of
28 property taxes shall be the applicable threshold percentage
29 applicable to the property plus the percentage of the parcel's
30 taxable value attributable to the improvements or renovations.
31 Improvements or renovations do not include normal and necessary
32 repairs to an existing building or improvement, not amounting
33 to structural replacements or modifications.

34 Under the bill, "property taxes" means annual ad valorem
35 taxes imposed on the parcel which are collectable by the county

1 treasurer following application of all applicable exemptions
2 and credits, and shall not include special assessments, amounts
3 levied under Code chapter 468, or taxes under Code chapter
4 435. "Property taxes" also does not include taxes levied
5 as the result of a property tax levy approved at election
6 or that portion of any property tax levy imposed that is
7 for the payment of principal and interest on bonds or other
8 indebtedness the issuance of which was approved at election,
9 including refunding bonds issued for the repayment of bonds
10 that were approved at election.

11 The limitations established in the bill apply to qualified
12 parcels. "Qualified parcel" means a parcel that is not located
13 in an urban renewal area under Code chapter 403 or an urban
14 revitalization area under Code chapter 404, is not wind energy
15 conversion property, and for which none of the following apply:
16 (1) the parcel changed ownership during the base year; (2)
17 new construction occurred on the parcel during the base year;
18 (3) the parcel's assessment for the base year was a partial
19 assessment as the result of incomplete new construction or
20 improvements; (4) the parcel was omitted from assessment or
21 fraudulently withheld from assessment in the base year; (5)
22 the parcel's property taxes were suspended or abated under
23 Code sections 427.8, 427.9, and 427.10; or (6) the parcel's
24 classification is different from the base year.

25 If the total amount of property taxes due and payable on the
26 parcel exceeds the applicable threshold for the parcel under
27 the bill, the amount of property taxes due and payable to each
28 taxing authority that certified for levy property taxes on the
29 parcel in excess of the applicable threshold percentage of
30 such amount levied by that taxing authority on the parcel in
31 the immediately preceding fiscal year shall be reduced by the
32 amount by which the parcel's total amount of property taxes due
33 and payable for all taxing authorities exceeds the applicable
34 threshold for the parcel. The amount of the reduction is
35 proportionately applied among the various levies for property

1 taxes, or portions thereof, of those taxing authorities that
2 certified for levy property taxes on the parcel in excess of
3 the applicable threshold percentage of such amount levied
4 by that taxing authority on the parcel in the immediately
5 preceding fiscal year. The reductions are to be made by the
6 county auditor prior to delivery of the tax list prescribed in
7 Code chapter 443 to ensure accurate statement of taxes under
8 Code section 445.5.

9 The bill makes corresponding changes to various other
10 provisions of the Code relating to the calculation and
11 collection of property tax amounts.

12 DIVISION III — LOCAL GOVERNMENT BUDGETS. The bill
13 modifies provisions relating to the process of approving local
14 government budgets.

15 The bill amends certain municipality budgeting procedures
16 under Code chapter 24. A municipality, as defined in Code
17 section 24.2, includes public bodies or corporations that
18 have power to levy or certify a tax or sum of money to be
19 collected by taxation, except a county, city, drainage
20 district, township, or road district. The bill requires
21 each municipality with property tax revenues of \$5,000 or
22 more in the immediately preceding fiscal year to direct the
23 county treasurer to send to each owner or taxpayer within the
24 municipality by regular mail an individual notice containing
25 specified information relating to property taxes certified for
26 the current fiscal year and the applicable levy rates, proposed
27 property tax amounts for the budget year and the applicable
28 levy rates, the effective property tax levy rates, as defined
29 in the bill, reasons for any proposed increases, and property
30 assessment and property tax information related to the owner's
31 or taxpayer's property. The bill also provides that such
32 municipalities must also include such information, excluding
33 specific owner or taxpayer information, in the notice of the
34 public hearing on the municipalities' budget estimates.

35 The bill establishes similar requirements for counties

1 under Code chapter 331, townships under Code chapter 359, and
2 cities under Code chapter 384. The bill also provides that if
3 all applicable information is available in a timely manner,
4 the county treasurer may consolidate all required individual
5 notices required for the various local governments under
6 the bill so that all applicable notices appear on a single
7 individual notice for each owner or taxpayer.

8 The division of the bill may include a state mandate as
9 defined in Code section 25B.3. The bill makes inapplicable
10 Code section 25B.2, subsection 3, which would relieve a
11 political subdivision from complying with a state mandate if
12 funding for the cost of the state mandate is not provided or
13 specified. Therefore, political subdivisions are required to
14 comply with any state mandate included in the division of the
15 bill.

16 The division of the bill applies to county, city, township,
17 and municipality budgets for fiscal years beginning on or after
18 July 1, 2024.

19 DIVISION IV — BOND ELECTIONS. The bill modifies the date
20 upon which elections must be held for the approval of the
21 issuance of bonds by political subdivisions of the state.
22 Generally, such special elections can be held on various dates
23 for cities, counties, school districts, and merged areas, as
24 specified in Code section 39.2, subsection 4, or specified
25 in other provisions of law. The bill provides that for any
26 political subdivision of this state, if the special election
27 is in whole or in part for the question of issuing bonds or
28 other indebtedness, the first Tuesday after the first Monday
29 in November of each even-numbered year, which is the date of
30 the general election. The bill makes corresponding changes
31 to various other Code chapters governing the approval of the
32 issuance of bonds at election.

33 The bill also provides that in addition to any other notice
34 related to the election required by law to be published,
35 posted, or provided, if the election is subject to the new date

1 requirement, the commissioner of elections (county auditor)
2 shall not less than 10 nor more than 20 days before the day of
3 each election mail to each registered voter of the applicable
4 jurisdiction a notice of the election that includes the full
5 text of the public measure to be voted upon at the election.

6 The division of the bill may include a state mandate as
7 defined in Code section 25B.3. The bill makes inapplicable
8 Code section 25B.2, subsection 3, which would relieve a
9 political subdivision from complying with a state mandate if
10 funding for the cost of the state mandate is not provided or
11 specified. Therefore, political subdivisions are required to
12 comply with any state mandate included in the division of the
13 bill.

14 The division of the bill applies July 1, 2023, for elections
15 on propositions relating to the issuing of bonds or other
16 indebtedness occurring on or after that date.