

House Study Bill 163 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE _____

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

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to requirements for the split and consolidation
2 of parcels.

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

1 Section 1. Section 354.2, Code 2023, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsections:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 4A. "*Consolidation*" means merging two or
4 more tracts or parcels of land into one parcel of land.

5 NEW SUBSECTION. 16A. "*Split*" means dividing a parcel of
6 land into two or more parcels of land when a plat of survey or
7 acquisition plat is not required.

8 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 354.28 **Split or consolidation not**
9 **requiring plat of survey or acquisition plat.**

10 The county assessor or county auditor, as applicable,
11 shall not approve a split or consolidation for which a plat
12 of survey or acquisition plat is not required, unless each
13 parcel involved in the split or consolidation is not within the
14 redemption period under chapter 447 following a tax sale under
15 chapter 446 and is free from unpaid property taxes, special
16 assessments, and drainage assessments for which a waiver or
17 abatement has not been approved.

18 EXPLANATION

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

21 This bill provides that a county assessor or county auditor,
22 as applicable, shall not approve a split or consolidation, as
23 each is defined in the bill, for which a plat of survey or
24 acquisition plat is not required, unless each parcel involved
25 in the split or consolidation is not within the redemption
26 period following a tax sale and is free from unpaid property
27 taxes, special assessments, and drainage assessments for which
28 a waiver or abatement has not been approved.