

House Study Bill 717 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
WAYS AND MEANS BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON KAUFMANN)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act exempting certain cities from public hearing
2 requirements related to proposed property taxes.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 24.2A, subsection 4, Code 2024, is
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. *d.* This subsection shall not apply to a city
4 with a population less than one thousand.

5 Sec. 2. APPLICABILITY. This Act applies to budgets for
6 fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2025.

7 EXPLANATION

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

10 Under current law, each school district, county, and city
11 (political subdivision) of the state must set a time and place
12 for a public hearing on the political subdivision's proposed
13 property tax amount for a budget year. This public hearing
14 must be separate from any other meeting of the governing body
15 of the political subdivision, including any other meeting or
16 public hearing relating to the political subdivision's budget,
17 and other business of the political subdivision that is not
18 related to the proposed property tax shall not be conducted at
19 the public hearing.

20 This bill exempts each city with a population of less than
21 1,000 from the requirement to hold a hearing relating to a
22 proposed property tax for a budget year.

23 The bill applies to budgets for fiscal years beginning on or
24 after July 1, 2025.