

House Study Bill 754 - Introduced

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

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to drainage or levee districts, by exempting
2 an application fee that may be charged to certain persons
3 applying for an easement to install fiber optic cable, and
4 including effective date provisions.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 468.186, Code 2026, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 1A. a. The governing body of a drainage or
4 levee district shall not charge an administrative fee related
5 to the consideration, approval, or disapproval of an application
6 for an easement to install fiber optic cable by a person whose
7 business is primarily locally operated as a contractor or fiber
8 optic network company.

9 b. The drainage district may prepare and publish a list of
10 the names of persons described in paragraph "a" that will not be
11 charged the administrative fee.

12 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of immediate
13 importance, takes effect upon enactment.

14 EXPLANATION

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

17 The governing body of a drainage or levee district (e.g., a
18 county board of supervisors or board of trustees) may approve an
19 easement on, over, across, or beneath the land of the district.
20 This includes an easement for a pipeline, electric transmission
21 line, communication line, underground service line, or other
22 similar installation (Code section 468.186(1)). This bill
23 provides that the governing body cannot charge an administrative
24 fee for considering, approving, or disapproving an application
25 for an easement to install fiber optic cable by a person whose
26 business is primarily locally operated as a contractor or fiber
27 optic network company. The drainage district may prepare and
28 publish a list of local contractors and fiber optic network
29 companies that will not be charged the administrative fee. The
30 bill takes effect upon enactment.