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BY COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 754)

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:

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