

CHAPTER 49

CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS FOR BENEFITED RECREATIONAL LAKE AND WATER QUALITY DISTRICTS

H.F. 557

AN ACT relating to conducting elections for benefited recreational lake and water quality districts.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. [Section 357E.8](#), Code 2023, is amended to read as follows:

357E.8 Election on proposed levy and candidates for trustees.

When a preliminary plat has been approved by the board, an election shall be held within the district within sixty days to approve or disapprove the levy of a tax of not more than four dollars per thousand dollars of assessed value on all the taxable property within the benefited recreational lake district except property assessed as agricultural land, and to choose candidates for the offices of trustees of the district. However, for a water quality district, the tax levy shall not exceed twenty-five cents per thousand dollars of assessed value on all taxable property within the district and must be renewed by a similar election every eight years. The tax levy for a combined district shall not exceed four dollars per thousand dollars of assessed value on all of the taxable property within the district. A tax levy approved for the purposes of [this chapter](#) shall not be levied on property assessed as agricultural land. Notice of the election, including the time and place of holding the election, shall be given as provided in [section 357E.4](#). The vote shall be by ballot, which shall state clearly the proposition to be voted upon, and any registered voter residing within the district at the time of the election may vote. ~~It is not mandatory for the~~ The county commissioner of elections ~~to shall~~ conduct elections held pursuant to [this chapter](#), ~~but and~~ the elections shall be conducted in accordance with [chapter 49](#) when not in conflict with [this chapter](#). ~~Judges shall be appointed by the board from among the registered voters of the district to be in charge of the election. The judges are not entitled to receive pay.~~ The proposition is approved if a majority of those voting on the proposition vote in favor of it.

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