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House File 262

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Public Health.

By AVERY.

A BILL FOR

An Act to amend sections one hundred thirty-seven point one (137.1), one hundred thirty-seven point two (137.2), one hundred thirty-seven point three (137.3), one hundred thirty-seven point eight (137.8), one hundred thirty-nine point twenty (139.20), one hundred forty point thirty-four (140.34), and three hundred fifty-nine point seventeen (359.17), Code 1946, relating to local boards of health.

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

1 Section 1. Section one hundred thirty-seven point
2 one (137.1), Code 1946, is amended by repealing subsection
3 two (2) and enacting in lieu thereof the following:
4 "2. In counties, of the chairman of the board of
5 supervisors, the county auditor, and the county superintendent
6 of schools, having jurisdiction outside the territorial
7 limits of cities and towns."

1 Sec. 2. Section one hundred thirty-seven point two
2 (137.2), Code 1946, is amended by striking from line seven
3 (7) the words "townships the trustees" and inserting in
4 lieu thereof the words "counties the members of the county
5 board of health".

1 Sec. 3. Section one hundred thirty-seven point three
2 (137.3), Code 1946, is amended by striking the comma (,)

3 after the word "town" in line one (1) and inserting in lieu
4 thereof the word "or", and by inserting after the word "city"
5 in line one (1) the word "clerk", and by striking from
6 line two (2) the words "township clerk" and inserting in
7 lieu thereof the words "county auditor".

1 Sec. 4. Section one hundred thirty-seven point eight
2 (137.8), Code 1946, is amended by striking from line four
3 (4) the word "township" and inserting in lieu thereof the
4 word "county".

1 Sec. 5. Section one hundred thirty-nine point twenty
2 (139.20), Code 1946, is amended by striking from line four
3 (4) the words "township clerk" and inserting in lieu
4 thereof the words "county auditor".

1 Sec. 6. Section one hundred forty point thirty-four
2 (140.34), Code 1946, is amended by striking from line two
3 (2) the word "township" and inserting in lieu thereof the
4 word "county".

1 Sec. 7. Section three hundred fifty-nine point
2 seventeen (359.17), Code 1946, is amended by striking from
3 lines five (5) and six (6) the words "the local board of health".

EXPLANATION OF H. F. 262

This bill would eliminate the approximate eighteen hundred township boards of health, many of which are never organized, and establishes county boards of health with jurisdiction in the counties outside of cities and towns. The establishment of the county boards of health should bring about much better handling of public health matters.