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Drainage.

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A BILL FOR

An Act relating to levee and drainage districts.

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

1 Section 1. Amend Chapter four hundred fifty-five (455),

2 Code 1946, by adding thereto the following section:

3 "Any contract for the construction of open drainage

4 ditches either mains or laterals, or the cleaning out, repairing

5 or deepening of existing open drainage ditches, shall require

6 the contractor to level and smooth all spoil banks in such

7 manner that grass and weeds later growing thereon can be

8 mowed with ordinary farm mowing machines. The contract

9 shall also provide that the banks or sides of said open

10 drainage ditches must have a smooth and even surface with a

11 degree of slope angle sufficient to permit the mowing of

12 weeds by ordinary power driven mowing machines similar to

13 those used for this purpose on state highways.

14 "The contract shall further provide that as soon as

15 practicable after the ditch sides and spoil banks are

16 properly smoothed, that seed of suitable grasses be seeded

17 thereon by the contractor in a manner approved by the engineer."

1 Sec. 2. Section four hundred fifty-five point one

2 hundred forty-eight (455.148), Code 1946, is hereby amended
3 by adding at the end thereof the following: "The board
4 shall cause all weeds, grass, brush and shrubbery located on
5 the sides of all open drainage ditches hereinafter constructed
6 or repaired under the provisions of this chapter to be cut
7 not less than once each year and not later than October first,
8 and in the same manner on the spoil banks of said ditches
9 unless said spoil banks are used for agricultural purposes.
10 The board shall have power to levy assessments against the
11 district for the maintenance mentioned in this section."

1 Sec. 3. Amend section four hundred fifty-five point
2 one hundred sixty-three (455.163), Code 1946, by striking from
3 lines eight (8), nine (9) and ten (10) the following: "For
4 the purpose of gaining such use the landowner may smooth said
5 waste banks, but in doing so" and inserting in lieu thereof
6 the word "but".

1 Sec. 4. Section four hundred fifty-five point one
2 hundred sixty-seven (455.167), Code 1946, is hereby amended
3 by striking from lines six (6) and seven (7) the following:
4 "not to exceed, however, five dollars per day each,".

EXPLANATION OF H. F. 313

Sections one and two of this bill provide for the construction, care and maintenance of the main and spoil banks of both new and recleaned drainage ditches.

Section three allows the adjoining landowner to use the smoothed spoil banks for agricultural purposes after they have been smoothed by the contractor.

Section four removes the ceiling of \$5.00 per day for appraisers and places their compensation at the discretion of the board.