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House File 183
By McFARLANE.

Passed House, Date
Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....
Passed Senate, Date.....
Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....
Approved

A BILL FOR

An Act to amend section two hundred ninety-eight point one (298.1),
Code 1950, relating to school taxes.

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

1 Section 1. Amend section two hundred ninety-eight point one
2 (298.1), Code 1950, by striking from line three (3) of subsection
3 one (1) the word "ten" and substituting in lieu thereof the word
4 "forty".

1 Sec. 2. Amend section two hundred ninety-eight point one
2 (298.1), Code 1950, by striking from line four (4) of subsection
3 two (2) the word "twenty-five" and substituting in lieu thereof the
4 word "sixty".

1 Sec. 3. Amend section two hundred ninety-eight point one
2 (298.1), Code 1950, by striking from line two (2) of subsection ,
3 three (3) the word "forty" and substituting in lieu thereof the
4 word "seventy-five".

5 Further amend subsection three (3) of said section by striking
6 all after the word "school" in line three (3) and substituting in
7 lieu thereof the following: "shall be allowed a sum for each
8 person of school age as is necessary for the operation of the school

9 district; provided, however, that compliance with Chapter twenty-
10 four (24), Code 1950, shall be observed.”

EXPLANATION OF H. F. 183

The purpose of this bill is to make it possible for the several school districts of the state to raise by taxation sufficient funds to operate their general fund by raising the legal limit that may be estimated for each person of school age. If the limits are not raised it will be impossible for the majority of the school districts in the state to operate for a full school year. Section 298.1, Code 1950, has not been in operation the last two years due to budget restrictions of the general aid appropriation of the 53rd General Assembly, but in its last year of operation there were 1,342 school districts that had to ask approval of the State Comptroller for the right to raise funds in excess of this. The limit that the Comptroller can allow is up to 35 per cent and practically all districts are in excess of this now; hence the necessity to adjust these figures.