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Senate File 448
By COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY 1.

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Vote: Ayes 87 Nays 0

Approved.....

Senate votes 4-29

A BILL FOR

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An Act to provide for a legislative research committee and legislative research bureau and to define their duties.

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

1 Section 1. Chapter forty-eight (48), Acts of the Fifty-sixth
2 General Assembly is hereby repealed and the following enacted in
3 lieu thereof:
1 Sec. 2. There is hereby created a continuing legislative
2 committee of six (6) members which shall be entitled the
3 legislative research committee. Three (3) members shall be
4 appointed by the president of the senate from the members of the
5 senate, two (2) from the majority party and one (1) from the
6 minority party. Three (3) members shall be appointed by the
7 speaker of the house of representatives from the members of the
8 house, two (2) from the majority party and one (1) from the
9 minority party. Members shall be appointed prior to the
10 adjournment of each regular biennial session and shall serve for
11 two (2) year terms beginning at the adjournment of such session
12 and ending at the adjournment of the next regular session or
13 until their successors are appointed. In so far as possible,
14 upon appointment of members of the committee during each regular
15 session of the general assembly, at least one (1) member of the
16 committee from each house shall be reappointed.

1 Sec. 3. The legislative research committee shall select its
2 officers and prescribe its rules of procedure. In addition to

3 any other powers and duties provided herein, it shall have the
4 following powers and duties:

5 1. To establish policies for the operation of the legislative
6 research bureau created by section five (5) of this Act,
7 including the priority to be given to research requests and the
8 distribution of research reports.

9 2. To appoint a director of the legislative research bureau
10 for such term of office as may be set by the committee and to
11 appoint successors and fill vacancies in this office.

12 3. To prepare a report to be submitted each biennium to the
13 general assembly at its regular session.

14 The committee may co-operate with other states to discuss
15 mutual legislative and governmental problems.

1 Sec. 4. Members of the legislative research committee shall
2 be reimbursed as provided in section ten (10) for necessary
3 expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

1 Sec. 5. There is hereby created a legislative research bureau
2 which shall operate under the direction and control of the
3 legislative research committee. The administrative head of the
4 legislative research bureau shall be the director of the bureau.
5 It shall be the duty of the bureau to co-operate with and serve
6 all members and committees of the general assembly. It shall
7 upon proper request of members and committees of the general
8 assembly prepare research reports upon any government matter.
9 Such research reports and the findings therein shall not contain
10 any recommendations from the research committee or the research
11 bureau. The bureau shall assist and serve any interim committee
12 of the general assembly and upon written request, approved by the
13 legislative research committee, serve as the staff agency for any

14 such interim committee. The bureau shall draft and prepare bills
15 for committees and individual members of the general assembly.

1 Sec. 6. The director of the research bureau shall serve on a
2 full-time basis and shall have the following powers and duties:

3 1. He shall be in charge of the research and bill drafting
4 functions of the bureau.

5 2. He shall employ and supervise all employees of the
6 legislative research bureau in such positions and at such
7 salaries as shall be authorized by the legislative research
8 committee.

9 3. He shall employ, with the approval of the research
10 committee, such temporary employees as may be required to provide
11 a bill drafting service during sessions of the general assembly.

12 Such employees shall be under the supervision of the director
13 and shall be paid from the appropriation made for the general
14 assembly.

1 Sec. 7. The salary of the director of the legislative
2 research bureau shall be seventy-five hundred (7,500) dollars
3 per year.

1 Sec. 8. Requests for research on governmental matters may be
2 made to the legislative research bureau by either house of the
3 general assembly, committees of either house of the general
4 assembly, interim committees of the general assembly or either
5 house thereof, the legislative research committee or upon
6 petition by five (5) or more members of the general assembly.
7 Any legislative committee appointed for the session may request
8 the research bureau to do research between sessions on any matter
9 under consideration by such committee. Bills shall be drafted
10 and prepared by the legislative research bureau upon request

11 of any member of the general assembly. Research or bill drafting
12 requests made between sessions shall be in writing.

1 Sec. 9. The legislative research bureau may call upon any
2 department, agency or office in the state, or any political
3 subdivision of the state, for such information and assistance as
4 may be needed in the performance of the duties of the research
5 bureau and such information and assistance shall be furnished
6 in so far as the same shall be within the resources and authority
7 of such departments, agencies, offices and political subdivisions.
8 Nothing herein shall be construed to require the production or
9 opening of any public records which are required by law to be
10 kept private or confidential.

11 The research burcau may co-operate with other states and the
12 federal government in the exchange of research reports and
13 materials.

1 Sec. 10. The office of the research burcau shall be located
2 in the state house. Office space, supplies, postage and equipment
3 shall be furnished by the executive council. All other expenses
4 and salaries shall be paid by the budget and financial control
5 committee from the contingent fund provided for the budget and
6 financial control committee. Expenses of the research committee
7 and research bureau shall be paid upon the approval of the
8 director of the bureau and, if an extraordinary expense, upon the
9 approval of the research committee.

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1 Amend Senate File 448, section two (2), by adding thereto
2 the following: "Provided however, that upon the effective
3 date of this act, the president of the senate and the speaker
4 of the house of representatives shall make the appointments
5 provided for under this section, such appointments to continue
6 until the adjournment of the next regular session."

7 Further amend Senate File 448 by adding as section eleven
8 (11):

9 "Sec. 11. This act being deemed of immediate importance
10 shall be in full force and effect from and after its publication
11 in the Ida County Pioneer Record, a newspaper published at Ida
12 Grove, Iowa, and the Davis County Republican, a newspaper
13 published at Bloomfield, Iowa."

Filed and adopted
Apr. 26, 1957.

Senate Councils
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