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**Senate File 173**

By STUART, PRENTIS and O'MALLEY.

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Vote: Ayes 48 Nays 1 Vote: Ayes 99 Nays 0

Approved went into effect without Governor's approval 3/25

**A BILL FOR**

An Act to amend chapter two (2) of the Code relating to the legislative research committee and research bureau and to provide for more legislative participation in legislative research.

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

1 Section 1. Section two point fifty-one (2.51), Code 1958, is  
2 hereby repealed and the following enacted in lieu thereof;

3 "The salary of the director of the legislative research bureau  
4 shall be set by the legislative research committee."

1 Sec. 2. Section two point fifty-two (2.52), Code 1958, is  
2 hereby amended by inserting in line thirteen (13) after the  
3 period (.) the following:

4 "For each such request the legislative research committee may,  
5 if deemed advisable, authorize a joint advisory committee of  
6 legislators to assist the research bureau on such research study.  
7 When it authorizes such a committee, the legislative research  
8 committee shall designate the standing committee from the senate  
9 and the standing committee from the house from which the members  
10 of the joint advisory committee shall be chosen.

11 "Each joint advisory committee shall be composed of seven (7)  
12 members to be selected as follows: the chairman of the standing  
13 committee designated in the senate by the legislative research  
14 committee shall select three (3) members from his committee and  
15 the chairman of the designated standing committee in the house

16 shall likewise select three (3) members from his committee and  
17 the chairman of the legislative research committee shall designate  
18 one (1) member from the legislative research committee. These  
19 selections shall include a member of the minority party from each  
20 house if the standing committee had a minority party member."

1 Sec. 3. Chapter two (2), Code 1958, is hereby amended by  
2 adding thereto the following new sections:

3 "a. Such appointments shall be made by the designated chairmen  
4 within twenty (20) days from the date the resolution of the general  
5 assembly is approved or notification from the legislative research  
6 committee is given. If any chairman fails to make such appointments  
7 in the allotted time, the appointments may be made by the  
8 legislative research committee from the designated standing  
9 committees. A member of the majority party of the general assembly  
10 may not be assigned to more than two (2) joint advisory committees.

11 "b. Joint advisory committees shall have the following  
12 powers and duties:

13 1. To assist the research bureau on any matter connected with  
14 the research study assigned to the committee.

15 2. To hold hearings. Any legislator may attend any hearing.

16 3. To report to the next regular session of the general  
17 assembly.

18 "c. The joint advisory committees shall first meet at the call  
19 of the legislative research committee member assigned to the  
20 advisory committee. Each joint committee shall elect the necessary  
21 officers and adopt rules.

22 "d. Members of joint advisory committees shall be reimbursed  
23 only for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their  
24 duties. All expenses of joint advisory committees shall be paid

25 from funds provided to the legislative research committee and  
 26 bureau in accordance with section two point fifty-four (2.54) of  
 27 the Code. Payments of necessary expense for members of such a  
 28 committee shall be made by warrants of the state comptroller issued  
 29 upon receipt of vouchers approved by the chairman of the joint  
 30 advisory committee.

31 "e. The legislative research bureau shall provide the following  
 32 assistance to joint advisory committees:

33 1. Handle administrative affairs, including correspondence,  
 34 record-keeping, and scheduling of meetings.

35 2. Do the research required for any study. Studies shall  
 36 receive priority in this order: first, studies assigned to a  
 37 joint advisory committee by resolution of the general assembly;  
 38 second, studies assigned to a joint advisory committee by the  
 39 legislative research committee; third, studies requested by any  
 40 other interim legislative committee; and last, studies which are  
 41 made without the assistance of a committee.

42 3. Arrange for the help of state employees and technical  
 43 consultants whose assistance is needed.

44 4. Prepare research reports, and, upon the request of a joint  
 45 advisory committee, prepare that committee's report."

1 Sec. 4. This Act, being deemed of immediate importance, shall  
 2 take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the  
 3 ....., a newspaper published in .....,  
 4 Iowa, and in the ....., a newspaper published in  
 5 ....., Iowa.

SENATE FILE 173

- 1 Amend Senate File 173 as follows:
- 2 By striking all of Section 4 and by inserting in lieu
- 3 thereof the following:
- 4 "Sec. 4. This Act, being deemed of immediate importance,
- 5 shall take effect and be in force from and after its publica-
- 6 tion in the Seymour Herald, a newspaper published in Seymour,
- 7 Iowa, and in the Diagonal Reporter, a newspaper published in
- 8 Diagonal, Iowa."

*adopted*  
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Filed  
March 12, 1959.

By STUART.

SENATE FILE 173

- 1 Amend section 2 of Senate File 173 as follows:
- 2 1. By striking lines 14 through 16 and
- 3 inserting in lieu thereof the following:
- 4 "committee shall be a member and shall select two (2)
- 5 members from his committee and the chairman of the designated
- 6 standing committee in the house shall be a member and shall
- 7 select two (2) members from his committee and".
- 8 2. By inserting in line 18 after the word,
- 9 "committee." the following:
- 10 "A chairman of a standing committee may, in lieu of
- 11 serving on the joint advisory committee, appoint a third
- 12 member of his committee."

*adopted*  
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By ELIJAH.

SENATE FILE 173

- 1 Amend Senate File 173 as follows:
- 2 1. Striking all of section 1.
- 3 2. Renumbering all the remaining sections.

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By HARBOR.