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### A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the membership of the board of parole and  
2 providing that all inmates be granted an annual interview  
3 by the board of parole.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section two hundred forty-seven point one  
2 (247.1), Code 1975, is amended by striking the section and  
3 inserting in lieu thereof the following:

4 247.1 QUALIFICATIONS--TERM--VACANCY--CHAIRPERSON. The  
5 board of parole shall consist of five citizens of the state.  
6 Not more than three members shall belong to the same politi-  
7 cal party. Two members shall be practicing attorneys one  
8 of which is experienced in the practice of criminal law, and  
9 the remaining persons shall be citizen members. Each member  
10 shall serve a term of four years commencing on July first  
11 of the year of his or her appointment, except the initial  
12 appointment of the attorney experienced in the practice of  
13 criminal law and two of the citizen members shall be for a  
14 term of two years commencing July 1, 1976. Appointments to  
15 fill vacancies shall serve for the balance of the unexpired  
16 term. The board of parole shall elect from its membership  
17 a chairperson who shall serve a term of one year and may be  
18 reelected.

19 Sec. 2. Chapter two hundred forty-seven (247), Code 1975,  
20 is amended by adding the following new section:

21 NEW SECTION. INTERVIEWS. All inmates shall be personally  
22 interviewed by the board of parole once during each year of  
23 his or her imprisonment. When such interview is held with  
24 an inmate serving a life sentence, the board of parole shall  
25 make such recommendations to the governor as it deems prop-  
26 er.

27 Sec. 3. Section two hundred forty-seven point five (247.5),  
28 unnumbered paragraph two (2), Code 1975, is amended to read  
29 as follows:

30 The board of parole shall, except as to prisoners serving  
31 life terms, or under sentence of death, or infected with  
32 venereal disease in communicable stage, have power to parole  
33 persons convicted of crime and committed to either the peni-  
34 tentiary or the men's or women's reformatory; ~~provided, how-~~  
35 ~~ever, after any person has served fifteen years of a life~~

1 term; the board of parole shall review the case and interview  
2 personally all such persons and make such recommendations  
3 as they see fit to the governor, and shall make similar  
4 interviews in each such case at least every three years  
5 thereafter.

6 EXPLANATION

7 This bill increases the membership of the board of parole  
8 from three members to five members and provides that the board  
9 of parole personally interview all inmates annually.

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