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By COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act to establish a census liaison commission, prescribing
2 its duties, and authorizing certain cities to draw proposed
3 precinct boundaries for submission to the commission.

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

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- 1 Amend Senate File 1267 as follows:
- 2 1. Page 1, line 3, by inserting after the word
- 3 "president" the words "of the senate, the president".
- 4 2. Page 1, line 4, by inserting after the word
- 5 "representatives," the words "the speaker pro tempore
- 6 of the house of representatives,".

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MARCH 25, 1976

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1 Section 1. CENSUS PREPARATIONS--COMMISSION ESTABLISHED.

2 1. There is established a census liaison commission,
3 composed of the president pro tempore of the senate, the
4 speaker of the house of representatives, the majority and
5 minority floor leaders of the senate, the majority and minority
6 floor leaders of the house of representatives, the governor,
7 and the state chairpersons of the two major political parties
8 in the state, or their respective designees. Necessary staff
9 assistance shall be provided to the commission by the
10 legislative service bureau. The commission shall also be
11 entitled to obtain upon request the services of personnel
12 of and the use of maps or other pertinent materials available
13 to the state commissioner of elections, and to the
14 transportation inventory division of the state department
15 of transportation.

16 2. The census liaison commission shall:

17 a. Oversee preparations for and make decisions necessary
18 to conclusion of arrangements with the United States bureau
19 of the census, pursuant to United States public law ninety-
20 four dash one hundred seventy-one (94-171), regarding the
21 plan and form for reporting population data from the 1980
22 federal decennial census needed by the general assembly to
23 fulfill its constitutional mandate to redistrict the state
24 for election of members of the United States house of
25 representatives and of the general assembly in 1982 and
26 thereafter.

27 b. Obtain, prepare in appropriate form and provide to
28 the United States bureau of the census such maps of political
29 subdivisions of this state as are necessary to implement the
30 arrangement concluded under paragraph a of this subsection.

31 c. Have authority to authorize expenditures of reasonable
32 sums for purchase and preparation of maps or copies of maps
33 needed under paragraph b of this subsection. The costs so
34 incurred shall be paid as provided by section two point twelve
35 (2.12) of the Code.

1 3. This section shall expire December 31, 1980.

2 Sec. 2. CITIES AUTHORIZED TO DRAW PROPOSED PRECINCTS.

3 The council of any city which concludes that it is likely
4 to be necessary or desirable to redraw precincts in that city
5 after the 1980 federal decennial census may cause proposed
6 precinct boundaries to be drawn not later than January 31,
7 1977, in accordance with all applicable requirements of law
8 except that more recent indicators of population may be used
9 in lieu of data from the 1970 federal decennial census. The
10 proposed precinct boundaries shall be of no current legal
11 force or effect in administration of elections or of any other
12 governmental function, and drawing them shall not constitute
13 a violation of section forty-nine point three (49.3),
14 unnumbered paragraph one (1). Proposed precinct boundaries
15 so drawn may be submitted to the census liaison commission
16 for use in developing a plan and form for reporting of
17 population data from the 1980 federal decennial census for
18 districting purposes.

19 Nothing in this section shall be construed to commit any
20 city which has prepared proposed precinct boundaries to adopt
21 those boundaries in compliance with sections forty-nine point
22 three (49.3) and forty-nine point seven (49.7) of the Code
23 subsequent to the 1980 federal decennial census, nor to commit
24 the general assembly to follow the proposed precinct boundaries
25 in any redistricting required after that census.

26 EXPLANATION

27 This bill sets up a temporary Census Liaison Commission,
28 composed of legislative leaders, the Governor and the state
29 political party chairpersons, or their designees, to oversee
30 arrangements for the state to take advantage of a new federal
31 law permitting states to participate in planning for certain
32 aspects of the 1980 federal census. The objective is to
33 obtain better data for use by the General Assembly in its
34 constitutional duty to redraw legislative and congressional
35 districts on a population basis.

1 The bill also permits cities to draw proposed precinct
2 boundaries for the commission to use, if that becomes
3 appropriate, in arranging the plan and form for reporting
4 1980 census data.

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AN ACT

TO ESTABLISH A CENSUS LIAISON COMMISSION, PRESCRIBING ITS DUTIES, AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN CITIES TO DRAW PROPOSED PRECINCT BOUNDARIES FOR SUBMISSION TO THE COMMISSION.

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

Section 1. CENSUS PREPARATIONS--COMMISSION ESTABLISHED.

1. There is established a census liaison commission, composed of the president of the senate, the president pro tempore of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the speaker pro tempore of the house of representatives, the majority and minority floor leaders of the senate, the majority and minority floor leaders of the house of representatives, the governor, and the state chairpersons of the two major political parties in the state, or their respective designees. Necessary staff assistance shall be provided to the commission by the legislative service bureau. The commission shall also be entitled to obtain upon request the services of personnel of and the use of maps or other pertinent materials available to the state commissioner of elections, and to the transportation inventory division of the state department of transportation.

2. The census liaison commission shall:

a. Oversee preparations for and make decisions necessary to conclusion of arrangements with the United States bureau of the census, pursuant to United States public law ninety-four dash one hundred seventy-one (94-171), regarding the plan and form for reporting population data from the 1980 federal decennial census needed by the general assembly to fulfill its constitutional mandate to redistrict the state for election of members of the United States house of representatives and of the general assembly in 1992 and

thereafter.

b. Obtain, prepare in appropriate form and provide to the United States bureau of the census such maps of political subdivisions of this state as are necessary to implement the arrangement concluded under paragraph a of this subsection.

c. Have authority to authorize expenditures of reasonable sums for purchase and preparation of maps or copies of maps needed under paragraph b of this subsection. The costs so incurred shall be paid as provided by section two point twelve (2.12) of the Code.

3. This section shall expire December 31, 1980.

Sec. 2. CITIES AUTHORIZED TO DRAW PROPOSED PRECINCTS.

The council of any city which concludes that it is likely to be necessary or desirable to redraw precincts in that city after the 1980 federal decennial census may cause proposed precinct boundaries to be drawn not later than January 31, 1977, in accordance with all applicable requirements of law except that more recent indicators of population may be used in lieu of data from the 1970 federal decennial census. The proposed precinct boundaries shall be of no current legal force or effect in administration of elections or of any other governmental function, and drawing them shall not constitute a violation of section forty-nine point three (49.3), unnumbered paragraph one (1). Proposed precinct boundaries so drawn may be submitted to the census liaison commission for use in developing a plan and form for reporting of population data from the 1980 federal decennial census for districting purposes.

Nothing in this section shall be construed to commit any city which has prepared proposed precinct boundaries to adopt those boundaries in compliance with sections forty-nine point three (49.3) and forty-nine point seven (49.7) of the Code subsequent to the 1980 federal decennial census, nor to commit

the general assembly to follow the proposed precinct boundaries in any redistricting required after that census.

ARTHUR A. NEU
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Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the Senate and is known as Senate File 1267, Sixty-sixth General Assembly.

STEVEN C. CROSS
Secretary of the Senate

Approved _____, 1976

ROBERT D. RAY
Governor