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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the introduction of legislative bills and  
2 resolutions in the general assembly.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 2.14, subsection 3, unnumbered  
2 paragraph 1, Code Supplement 1991, is amended to read as  
3 follows:

4 Interim studies utilizing the services of the legislative  
5 service bureau must be authorized by the general assembly or  
6 the legislative council. A standing committee may also study  
7 ~~and-draft-proposed-committee-bills--~~However any bill,  
8 however, unless the subject matter of a ~~study-or-proposed~~  
9 ~~committee~~ bill has been assigned to a standing committee for  
10 study by the general assembly or legislative council, the  
11 services of the legislative service bureau cannot be utilized.  
12 Nonlegislative members shall not serve upon any study  
13 committee, unless approved by the legislative council. A  
14 standing committee may hold public hearings and receive  
15 testimony upon any subject matter within its jurisdiction.

16 Sec. 2. Section 2.15, subsection 1, Code 1991, is amended  
17 by striking the subsection.

18 Sec. 3. Section 2.16, Code 1991, is amended to read as  
19 follows:

20 2.16 ~~PREPARED~~ FILING OF LEGISLATIVE BILLS.

21 1. Any Only a member of the general assembly or any a  
22 person elected to serve in the general assembly, ~~or-any~~  
23 ~~standing-committee,~~ may sponsor and submit legislative bills  
24 and joint resolutions for consideration by the general  
25 ~~assembly,-before-the-convening-of-any-session-of-the-general~~  
26 ~~assembly~~ and its committees. The general assembly and its  
27 committees shall not consider a bill or resolution unless the  
28 bill or resolution is sponsored by one or more members of the  
29 general assembly. Each house may approve rules for placing  
30 ~~prefiled-standing-committee~~ bills or joint resolutions on its  
31 calendar. Such In order to be considered, bills and  
32 resolutions shall be numbered, printed, and distributed in a  
33 manner to be determined by joint rule of the general assembly  
34 or, in the absence of such rule, by the legislative council.  
35 All ~~such~~ bills and resolutions, ~~except-those-sponsored-by~~

1 standing-committees, shall be assigned to regular standing  
2 committees by the presiding officers of the houses when the  
3 general-assembly-convenes in a manner to be determined by the  
4 rules of the houses.

5 2. Departments if authorized by a member of the general  
6 assembly for the sponsorship of the member, departments and  
7 agencies of state government ~~shall~~ may, at least forty-five  
8 days prior to the convening of each session of the general  
9 assembly, submit copies to the legislative service bureau of  
10 proposed legislative bills and joint resolutions which such  
11 the departments desire to be considered by the general  
12 assembly. The proposed legislative bills and joint  
13 resolutions of the governor must be sponsored by a member of  
14 the general assembly in order to be considered by the general  
15 assembly or a committee of the general assembly and shall be  
16 submitted by the governor and the member by the Friday prior  
17 to the convening of the session of the general assembly,  
18 except in the year of the governor's initial inauguration.  
19 The legislative service bureau shall review such proposals and  
20 submit them in proper form to the presiding officer in each  
21 house of the general assembly for referral to the proper  
22 standing committee. Before submitting any proposal prepared  
23 under this ~~section~~ subsection to the presiding officers, the  
24 legislative service bureau shall return it for review to, as  
25 appropriate, the relevant member and department or agency or  
26 the relevant member and the governor's office, and ~~such the~~  
27 member and department or agency or the member and the  
28 governor's office shall review and return it within seven days  
29 of such delivery.

30 The costs of carrying out the provisions of this section  
31 shall be paid pursuant to section 2.12.

32 Sec. 4. Section 2.36, Code 1991, is amended to read as  
33 follows:

34 2.36 DUTIES OF COMMITTEE.

35 The committee shall review the present and proposed uses of

1 communications by state agencies and the development of a  
2 statewide communications plan. It shall meet as often as  
3 deemed necessary and annually shall make recommendations to  
4 the legislative council and the general assembly, ~~accompanied~~  
5 ~~by bill drafts to implement its recommendations.~~

6 Sec. 5. Section 2.42, subsection 8, Code Supplement 1991,  
7 is amended to read as follows:

8 8. To recommend changes or revisions in the senate and  
9 house rules and the joint rules for more efficient operation  
10 of the general assembly and draft proposed rule amendments,  
11 and resolutions, ~~and bills~~ as may be required to carry out  
12 such recommendations, for consideration by the general  
13 assembly.

14 Sec. 6. Section 8.22, Part III, unnumbered paragraph 1,  
15 Code 1991, is amended to read as follows:

16 Part III shall include ~~a draft or drafts of appropriation~~  
17 ~~bills having for their purpose~~ recommended provisions to give  
18 legal sanction to the appropriations recommended to be made in  
19 Parts I and II. The ~~appropriation bills~~ recommended legal  
20 provisions shall indicate the funds, general or special, from  
21 which the appropriations shall be paid, but the appropriations  
22 need not be in greater detail than to indicate the total  
23 appropriation to be made for:

24 Sec. 7. Section 42.3, subsection 1, Code 1991, is amended  
25 to read as follows:

26 1. Not later than April 1 of each year ending in one, the  
27 legislative service bureau shall deliver to the secretary of  
28 the senate and the chief clerk of the house of representatives  
29 identical bills embodying a plan of legislative and  
30 congressional districting prepared in accordance with section  
31 42.4. The bills shall be sponsored by the majority leader and  
32 minority leader of the chamber of introduction unless  
33 otherwise specified by the rules of that chamber. It is the  
34 intent of this chapter that the general assembly shall bring  
35 the bill to a vote in either the senate or the house of

1 representatives expeditiously, but not less than seven days  
2 after the report of the commission required by section 42.6 is  
3 received and made available to the members of the general  
4 assembly, under a procedure or rule permitting no amendments  
5 except those of a purely corrective nature. It is further the  
6 intent of this chapter that if the bill is approved by the  
7 first house in which it is considered, it shall expeditiously  
8 be brought to a vote in the second house under a similar  
9 procedure or rule.

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## EXPLANATION

11 This bill relates to the introduction of bills and  
12 resolutions in the general assembly. The bill provides that  
13 only bills sponsored by an individual member or person elected  
14 to serve in the general assembly can be submitted for  
15 consideration by the general assembly.

16 Section 1 deletes the authority of standing committees to  
17 draft proposed committee bills during the interim period.

18 Section 2 affects the powers and duties of standing  
19 committees by striking the authority to introduce legislative  
20 bills and resolutions.

21 Section 3 broadens current law pertaining to the prefiling  
22 of bills and joint resolutions to apply to the filing of bills  
23 and joint resolutions. The section is amended to state that  
24 only a member of the general assembly or a person elected to  
25 the general assembly is authorized to submit bills and joint  
26 resolutions for consideration by the general assembly and its  
27 committees. References to the authority of standing  
28 committees to submit bills are stricken. Bills and  
29 resolutions are to be assigned by the presiding officer of the  
30 chamber in a manner to be determined by the rules of the  
31 chamber.

32 Section 3 also amends current law permitting state agencies  
33 and the governor to submit proposed bills to the legislative  
34 service bureau to be drafted in advance of the legislative  
35 session. The bills must be sponsored by a member of the

1 general assembly. The time frames provided in current law for  
2 submission of the proposed bills remain in effect.

3 Section 4 strikes the authority of the general assembly's  
4 communications review committee to submit bill drafts to the  
5 general assembly and the legislative council.

6 Section 5 strikes the authority of the legislative council  
7 to draft bills for recommended revisions in the rules of the  
8 general assembly. The authority to draft resolutions and make  
9 recommendations remains.

10 Section 6 revises a portion of the budget and financial  
11 control Act requiring part III of the governor's budget  
12 message to include draft appropriations bills. The revision  
13 provides that the governor must provide recommended legal  
14 provisions instead of draft bills.

15 Section 7 relates to the bills prepared by the legislative  
16 service bureau for legislative and congressional  
17 redistricting. Once the bills are submitted to the secretary  
18 of the senate and the chief clerk of the house of  
19 representatives, the sponsorship of these bills is to be  
20 provided by the majority and minority leader of the respective  
21 chambers unless otherwise specified by the rule of the  
22 chamber.

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