

January 18, 1961.  
Public Health, Pharmacy.

House File 61  
By DENMAN and HANRAHAN.

Passed House, Date.....1-31-61..... Passed Senate, Date.....4-14-61.....  
Vote: Ayes.....99..... Nays.....4..... Vote: Ayes.....38..... Nays.....2.....  
Approved.....4-18-61.....

## A BILL FOR

An Act relating to county boards of health.

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

1 Chapter one hundred thirty-seven (137), Code 1958, is hereby  
2 amended by adding the following two (2) sections thereto:  
3 Section 1. In counties that have a population in excess  
4 of one hundred fifty thousand (150,000) inhabitants, the board  
5 of health shall consist of the chairman of the board of  
6 supervisors, the county auditor, the county superintendent of  
7 schools and four (4) residents of the county appointed by the  
8 county board of supervisors, no more than two (2) of whom shall  
9 be practitioners of the healing arts. The board of supervisors  
10 shall originally appoint one (1) person for a term of one (1)  
11 year, one (1) for a term of two (2) years, one (1) for a term  
12 of three (3) years and one (1) for a term of four (4) years.  
13 Thereafter each appointment shall be for a period of four (4)  
14 years, but no person shall be appointed to more than two (2)  
15 consecutive full terms. In the event a member dies, resigns,  
16 or is unable to fulfill the duties of his office, the unexpired  
portion of his term shall be filled by appointment of the board  
of supervisors.

1 Sec. 2. All members of the board shall be reimbursed for  
2 the actual and necessary expenses incurred by them in the dis-  
3 charge of their duties. They shall also receive compensation

4 for services at the rate of three dollars (\$3.00) per diem,  
5 but such compensation shall not exceed a total of one hundred  
6 twenty dollars (\$120.00) in any one year in counties of more  
7 than one hundred fifty thousand (150,000) population. The  
8 expenses and compensation of county board members shall be paid  
9 from the general fund of the county; provided, however, that the  
10 chairman of the board of supervisors, county auditor, and  
11 county superintendent of schools shall not be paid compensation  
12 as members of the board of health for any day on which they  
13 are paid for their official work.

1 Sec. 3. Section one hundred thirty-seven point one (137.1),  
2 Code 1958, is hereby amended by inserting in line two (2) of  
3 such section after the word "consist" the words "of the following  
4 members, except as hereinafter provided".

EXPLANATION OF HOUSE FILE 61

This act would provide broader popular representation on the board of health of large counties in order that they may better deal with the complex health problems that occur. It would also provide for better stability and continuity of membership which can now be completely changed with each election.