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House File 82

By PIERCE and DUNTON.

Passed House, Date 1/27/61 Passed Senate, Date.....
Vote: Ayes 84 Nays 2 Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....
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A BILL FOR

An Act to permit the voters in an existing school district or in a proposed reorganized district to authorize seven (7) members of the board of directors and the establishment or change of boundaries of director districts by amending chapters two hundred seventy-five (275), two hundred sevnty-seven (277), and two hundred seventy-eight (278), Code 1958, relating thereto.

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

1 Section 1. Section two hundred seventy-five point twelve
2 (275.12), Code 1958, is amended by inserting after the word
3 "state" in line one (1), subsection two (2), the words "the
4 number of directors which may be either five (5) or seven (7)
5 and".

1 Sec. 2. Section two hundred seventy-five point eighteen
2 (275.18), Code 1958, is amended by inserting after the word "the"
3 in line three (3) the words "number and".

1 Sec. 3. Section two hundred seventy-five point twenty-five
2 (275.25), Code 1958, is amended by inserting after the word
3 "population" in line fourteen (14) the words "and in districts in
4 which the proposition to establish a new corporation provides for
5 seven (7) directors".

6 Said section is further amended by striking lines twenty-nine
7 (29) through thirty-two (32) inclusive and the word "districts"
8 in line thirty-three (33) and inserting in lieu thereof the
9 following: "two directors shall be added according to the

10 procedure described in section two hundred seventy-seven point
11 twenty-three (277.23) of the Code”.

1 Sec. 4. Section two hundred seventy-five point thirty-five
2 (275.35), Code 1958, is amended by inserting after the word
3 “change” in line three (3) the words “the number of directors
4 from five (5) to seven (7) and may also change”.

5 Said section is further amended by inserting after the word
6 “regular” in line nine (9) the words “or special”.

1 Sec. 5. Section two hundred seventy-five point thirty-six
2 (275.36), Code 1958, is amended by inserting after the word
3 “change” in line one (1) the words “in the number of directors or”.

4 Said section is further amended by inserting after the word
5 “regular” in line nine (9) the words “or special”.

1 Sec. 6. Section two hundred seventy-five point thirty-seven
2 (275.37), Code 1958, is amended by inserting after the word “the”
3 in line one (1) the words “number or”.

4 Said section is further amended by inserting after the word
5 “regular” in line three (3) the words “or special”.

1 Sec. 7. Section two hundred seventy-seven point two (277.2),
2 Code 1958, is amended by inserting after the comma following the
3 word “proceeds” in line seven (7) the words “the authorization of
4 seven (7) members on the board of directors, the authorization to
5 establish or change the boundaries of director districts.”.

1 Sec. 8. Section two hundred seventy-seven point twenty-three
2 (277.23), Code 1958, is amended by inserting after the word
3 “population” in line three (3) the words “and in any district in
4 which the voters have authorized seven (7) directors.”.

5 Said section is further amended by adding a new paragraph as
6 follows:

7 "A change from five (5) to seven (7) directors shall be effected
8 in a district at the first regular election after authorization by
9 the voters or when a district becomes wholly or in part within a
10 city of fifteen thousand (15,000) population or more in the
11 following manner: If the term of one (1) director of the
12 five-member board expires at the time of said regular election,
13 three (3) directors shall be elected to serve until the third
14 regular election thereafter; if the terms of two (2) directors
15 expire at the time of said regular election, three (3) directors
16 shall be elected to serve until the third regular election
17 thereafter and one (1) director shall be elected to serve a term
18 the expiration of which coincides with the expiration of the
19 term of the director heretofore singly elected."

1 Sec. 9. Section two hundred seventy-eight point one (278.1),
2 Code 1958, is amended by adding two subsections as follows:

3 "Authorize a change from five (5) to seven (7) directors."

4 "Authorize the establishment of director districts or a change
5 of boundaries of director districts."

EXPLANATION OF HOUSE FILE 82

Many citizens in Iowa's school districts as well as many school board members feel that better representation would be provided with seven members on the board of directors instead of five. This is particularly the case in large districts which have been formed and are being formed. The provisions herein provide a method for the voters in a district already established or in districts established hereafter to authorize a seven-member board. Presently, a seven-member board is mandatory if the district includes all or part of a city of 15,000 population or more.

