

January 30, 1970
Place on Calendar

HOUSE FILE 1154

See City Court 2-16, Rev. 2-23
By COMMITTEE ON COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Passed House, Date.....2-10-70..... Passed Senate, Date.....3-12-70.....

Vote: Ayes67..... Nays43..... Vote: Ayes53..... Nays2.....

Approved.....3/20/70.....

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to terms of office of certain county supervi-
2 sors.

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

4 Section 1. Chapter two hundred eighteen (218) Acts of the
5 Sixty-third General Assembly, First Session, is hereby amended
6 as follows:

7 1. By striking from section six (6), lines five (5) and
8 six (6), the words “, except as provided in subsection two (2)
9 of this section,”.

10 2. By striking from section six (6) all of lines ten (10)
11 and eleven (11) and the figures “1973.” from line twelve (12).

12 Sec. 2 Section thirty-nine point eighteen (39.18), Code
13 1966, as amended by chapter one hundred four (104), section
14 one (1), Acts of the Sixty-second General Assembly, and chap-
15 ter two hundred eighteen (218), section ten (10), Acts of the
16 Sixty-third General Assembly, First Session, is hereby repealed
17 and the following enacted in lieu thereof:

18 “There shall be elected, biennially, in counties and town-
19 ships, members of the board of supervisors and township trus-
20 tees, respectively, for a term of four years to succeed those
21 whose terms of office will expire on the second secular day of
22 January following said election. The term of office of any
23 supervisor or trustee, taking office for a four-year term one
24 year later than the January next succeeding his election,
25 shall, at the general election which next precedes by more

1 than one year the expiration of his term, be refilled by a
2 member elected to a three-year term or five-year term to be
3 specified on the ballot as determined by the board, so that
4 the terms of no more than a bare majority of the board will
5 expire in the same year. Thereafter all succeeding members
6 shall be elected to four-year terms."

7 Sec. 3. The provisions of section two (2) of this Act
8 shall apply to all trustees and members of board of supervi-
9 sors elected in the year 1968 and thereafter.

EXPLANATION

Chapter 218, section 6, Acts of the Sixty-third General Assembly, First Session, requires that the terms of all county supervisors elected to five-year terms in the 1968 general election be shortened by two years for the purpose of hastening conformity to one of the three supervisor representation plans permitted by that act. This amendment reinstates those five-year terms, but still allows only four-year terms in the future. Because of the amendments by both the Sixty-second and Sixty-third General Assembly, it appears preferable to repeal sections 39.18 and reenact as it would have read as amended by the Sixty-second General Assembly. It also appears necessary to provide that this section applies to persons elected at the general election held in 1968 so that no confusion results because of the amendment made by the Sixty-second General Assembly which might otherwise have shortened terms of persons elected in 1968 and this amendment, operating prospectively only, may not have reinstated them.