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HOUSE FILE 210

Agriculture, *Pass 2-14*
Sec. " - 2-24, Pass 2-26

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Vote: Ayes *111* Nays *4* Vote: Ayes *56* Nays *0*

Approved *April 10, 1969*

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to increasing the number of commissioners
2 elected to administer each soil conservation district in
3 this state from three to five.

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

5 Section 1. Section four hundred sixty-seven A point five
6 (467A.5), Code 1966, is hereby amended as follows:

7 1. By striking from subsection three (3) lines seventeen
8 (17) through thirty (30), and inserting in lieu thereof the
9 following:

10 "be given. Petitions nominating candidates for the office
11 of commissioner shall be filed with the state soil conservation
12 committee at least ten days prior to the date of the election,
13 unless the committee extends the time within which such petitions
14 may be filed. No nominating petition shall be accepted by the
15 committee which contains the name of more than one candidate
16 for the office of commissioner, nor which is signed by fewer than
17 twenty-five landowners of the proposed district. No landowner
18 may sign more than five such petitions. The referendum and
19 election".

20 2. By striking from subsection three (3), line fifty-one
21 (51) the word "three" and inserting in lieu thereof the word
22 "five".

23 3. By striking from subsection six (6), line five (5) the
24 word "three" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "five".

25 4. By striking from subsection six (6), lines fourteen (14)

1 through seventeen (17), inclusive, and inserting in lieu
2 thereof the following:

3 "election, four years for the two commissioners receiving
4 the second and third highest number of votes in the election,
5 and two years for the commissioners receiving the fourth and
6 fifth highest number of".

7 5. By striking from subsection six (6), line twenty-three
8 (23), the word "the" and inserting in lieu thereof the word
9 "each".

10 6. By striking from subsection six (6), line thirty-six
11 (36), and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

12 "7. Each district shall, at the next regular biennial
13 election of a commissioner in that district after July 1, 1969,
14 elect three commissioners whose terms shall each begin at the
15 expiration of the term of the commissioner whose successor is
16 to be elected at that election. The commissioner receiving
17 the highest number of votes in such election shall serve a term
18 of six years, the commissioner receiving the second highest
19 number of votes shall serve a term of four years, and the
20 commissioner receiving the third highest number of votes shall
21 serve a term of two years.

22 8. The district shall be a body corporate upon".

23 7. By striking from subsection six (6), line thirty-eight
24 (38), the word "three" and inserting in lieu thereof the word
25 "five".

26 8. By renumbering the succeeding subsections in accordance
27 with the foregoing amendment.

28 Sec. 2. Section four hundred sixty-seven A point six
29 (467A.6), Code 1966, is hereby amended by striking lines two
30 (2) through five (5) and inserting in lieu thereof the follow-
31 ing:

32 "the district shall consist of five commissioners, elected
33 as provided in section four hundred sixty-seven A point five
34 (467A.5), who shall be residents of the district and no more
35 than one of whom shall be a resident of any one voting precinct

- 1 established pursuant to chapter forty-nine (49) of the Code
- 2 No person shall be eligible to the office of commissioner
- 3 who is a resident of a city or town not subject to the juris-
- 4 diction of the district, unless such person owns land in the
- 5 district outside such city or town. The commissioners”.

EXPLANATION OF HOUSE FILE 210

This bill increases the number of commissioners elected to administer each of the state's soil conservation districts from three to five. It is believed more commissioners are needed in most districts, due to the increasing workload upon the commissioners, who are nonsalaried officers.