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COUNTY GOVERNMENT

*Pass per amendment 3/3*  
*3/11, Pass per Riley et al amendment 5/10*

HOUSE FILE 211

BY GRASSLEY and KNOKE

Passed House, Date 3-9-71 Passed Senate, Date 5-25-71  
Vote: Ayes 91 Nays 1 Vote: Ayes 27 Nays 19

Approved June 14, 1971

*Passed House after Senate receded from amendment 6-7-71*  
*aye 80, nays 0*

*Passed Senate after House refused to concur in Senate amendment and Senate receded 6-4-71*  
*aye 38, nays 1*

# A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to the term of office of county attorneys.
- 2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
- 3 Section 1. Section thirty-nine point seventeen (39.17),
- 4 Code 1971, is amended as follows:
- 5 39.17 COUNTY OFFICERS. There shall be elected in each
- 6 county at the general election to be held in the year 1960
- 7 and every four years thereafter, a clerk of the district court,
- 8 an auditor, a county attorney, and a sheriff who shall hold
- 9 office for a term of four years.
- 10 There shall be elected in each county a treasurer and a
- 11 recorder of deeds at the general election to be held in 1962
- 12 and each four years thereafter, such officers shall be elected
- 13 and hold office for a term of four years.
- 14 ~~There shall be elected in each county, at each general~~
- 15 ~~election, a county attorney, who shall hold office for a term~~
- 16 ~~of two years.~~

## EXPLANATION

18 This bill provides for election of county attorneys for a  
 19 four year term, rather than a two year term, thus bringing the  
 20 county attorney's term into line with that of other elective  
 21 county offices. It has not previously been possible to make  
 22 this change due to the specific constitutional directive that  
 23 county attorneys serve a two year term, which was repealed by  
 24 the people at the 1970 general election.

1 Amend House File 211 as follows:  
2 1. Line 8, by striking the words ", a county  
3 attorney."  
4 2. By striking lines 14, 15, and 16 and inserting  
5 in lieu thereof the following:  
6 "There shall be elected in each county, at each  
7 the general election, held in the years 1970 and 1972,  
8 a county attorney, who shall hold office for a term  
9 of two years. There shall be elected in each county,  
10 at the general election to be held in the year 1974  
11 and each four years thereafter, a county attorney who  
12 shall hold office for a term of four years."

Filed - *Adopted 3/9*  
March 3, 1971

By COMMITTEE on COUNTY GOVERNMENT  
REX, Chairman

SENATE AMENDMENT TO HOUSE FILE 211

1 Amend House File 211 as follows:  
2 1. Page 1, line 8, by inserting after the word "auditor"  
3 the following: ", a county attorney,"  
4 2. Page 1, by striking lines 14 through 20, inclusive,  
5 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:  
6 "~~There shall be elected in each county, at each~~  
7 ~~general election, a county attorney, who shall hold office~~  
8 ~~for a term of two years.~~"

Received from the Senate  
May 25, 1971

*House referred to  
concern 5/28  
Senate received  
6/4*

1 Amend House File 211 as follows:  
2 1. Page 1, line 8, by inserting after the word "auditor"  
3 the following: ", a county attorney,".  
4 2. Page 1, by striking lines 14 through 20, inclusive,  
5 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:  
6 "~~There shall be elected in each county, at each~~  
7 ~~general election, a county attorney, who shall hold office~~  
8 ~~for a term of two years.~~"

Filed - *Adopted 5/25*  
April 20, 1971

By RILEY, BROWNLEE and GAUDINEER