

3/7

Local Government: Poncey. Chair: O'Kane and Swearingen.

Do Pass 3/16 (p. 1116)

FILED FEB 27 1984

SENATE FILE **2222**

BY COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT

Approved 2/27 (p. 556)
(FORMERLY SSB 2192)

Passed Senate, Date 3-2-84 (p. 623) Passed House, Date 3-28-84 (p. 1402)

Vote: Ayes 40 Nays 0 Vote: Ayes 97 Nays 0

Approved April 11, 1984 (p. 1464)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act allowing a city to redraw precinct lines when adopting
2 a system which provides for election of council members
3 from wards or when changing the number of council members
4 who are elected from wards.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

- 6
- 7
- 8
- 9
- 10
- 11
- 12
- 13
- 14
- 15
- 16
- 17
- 18
- 19
- 20
- 21
- 22
- 23
- 24
- 25

S. 2222

1 Section 1. Section 49.8, Code Supplement 1983, is amended
2 by adding the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. When a city is changing its form of govern-
4 ment from one which has council members elected at large to
5 one which has council members elected from wards, or is
6 changing its number of council members elected from wards,
7 the city council may redraw the precinct boundaries in
8 accordance with sections 49.3 and 49.5 to coincide with the
9 new ward boundaries.

10

EXPLANATION

11 This bill applies to a city which is changing its form
12 of government to one which has council members elected from
13 wards or is changing the number of council members elected
14 from wards. The bill allows the city to change its precincts
15 to conform with the new ward boundaries. Currently it is
16 difficult for a city to meet United States constitutional
17 population equality standards when a city changes its ward
18 lines without the city also being allowed to modify its
19 precinct lines.

20 The bill takes effect July 1 following its enactment.

21

22

23

24

25

26

27

28

29

30

31

32

33

34

35

accordance with sections 49.3 and 49.5 to coincide with the new ward boundaries.

ROBERT T. ANDERSON
President of the Senate

DONALD D. AVENSON
Speaker of the House

SENATE FILE 2222

AN ACT

ALLOWING A CITY TO REDRAW PRECINCT LINES WHEN ADOPTING A SYSTEM WHICH PROVIDES FOR ELECTION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS FROM WARDS OR WHEN CHANGING THE NUMBER OF COUNCIL MEMBERS WHO ARE ELECTED FROM WARDS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. Section 49.8, Code Supplement 1983, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. When a city is changing its form of government from one which has council members elected at large to one which has council members elected from wards, or is changing its number of council members elected from wards, the city council may redraw the precinct boundaries in

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the Senate and is known as Senate File 2222, Seventieth General Assembly.

K. MARIE THAYER
Secretary of the Senate

Approved April 11, 1984

TERRY E. BRANSTAD
Governor

S.F. 2222