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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to redistricting of certain political  
2 subdivisions.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 42.4, subsection 2, Code 1995, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 2. To the extent consistent with subsection 1, district  
4 the following shall apply:

5 a. District boundaries shall coincide with the boundaries  
6 of political subdivisions of the state.

7 b. The number of counties and cities divided among more  
8 than one district shall be as small as possible.

9 c. When there is a choice between dividing local political  
10 subdivisions, the more populous subdivisions shall be divided  
11 before the less populous, ~~but this statement.~~ However, if  
12 there is a choice between dividing a city other than along the  
13 county line into an additional district or dividing a  
14 township, the township shall be divided. This paragraph does  
15 not apply to a legislative district boundary drawn along a  
16 county line which passes through a city that lies in more than  
17 one county.

18 EXPLANATION

19 This bill amends the redistricting law to require that,  
20 when there is a choice between dividing a township or dividing  
21 a city other than along a county line into an additional  
22 district, the township shall be divided even if the city is  
23 more populous than the township.

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