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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the Iowa state fair convention by providing
2 for its membership and the election of members to the Iowa
3 state fair board.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 173.1, subsection 2, Code 1997, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 2. Two board congressional directors from each
4 congressional district to be elected at a convention as
5 provided in section ~~173.2~~ 173.4.

6 Sec. 2. Section 173.2, subsections 4 through 14, Code
7 1997, are amended by striking the subsections.

8 Sec. 3. Section 173.4, Code 1997, is amended to read as
9 follows:

10 173.4 VOTING POWER -- ELECTION OF BOARD CONGRESSIONAL
11 DIRECTORS.

12 ~~1. On all questions arising for determination by the~~
13 ~~convention~~ Except as provided in this subsection, each member
14 present at the convention shall be entitled to ~~but not more~~
15 ~~than one vote, and no proxies shall be recognized by the~~
16 ~~convention.~~ however, a A member shall not vote by proxy.

17 2. A successor to a board congressional director shall be
18 elected by a majority of convention members from the same
19 congressional district as the director, according to rules
20 adopted by the convention. A member who is also a board
21 congressional director shall not be entitled to vote for a
22 successor to each a board congressional director on-the-board.
23 If two or more persons have an equal and the highest number of
24 votes, the election shall be determined by a majority vote
25 cast by the governor, the secretary of agriculture, and the
26 president of Iowa state university of science and technology
27 or their qualified representatives.

28 Sec. 4. Section 173.5, subsection 2, Code 1997, is amended
29 to read as follows:

30 2. The Each year, the convention shall elect a successor
31 to each one of the two district board congressional directors
32 on-the-board whose term expires at-noon-on-the-day following
33 the adjournment of the convention, as provided in section
34 173.4.

35 Sec. 5. Section 173.6, unnumbered paragraph 2, Code 1997,

1 is amended to read as follows:

2 A member of the board who is a director, elected as
3 provided in section 173.1, shall serve a term of two years.
4 The term of a director shall begin ~~at-noon-on-the-day~~
5 following the adjournment of the convention at which the
6 director was elected and shall continue until a successor is
7 elected and qualified as provided in this chapter. ~~However,-a~~
8 ~~person-elected-as-a-director-pursuant-to-section-173-1-shall~~
9 ~~not-serve-for-more-than-five-consecutive-terms.--A-director~~
10 ~~who-has-ever-served-five-consecutive-terms-is-again-eligible~~
11 ~~to-serve-for-an-additional-five-consecutive-terms-after-not~~
12 ~~-serving-as-a-director-for-at-least-one-term-~~

13 EXPLANATION

14 This bill amends Iowa Code chapter 173, which provides for
15 the administration of the Iowa state fair. The Iowa state
16 fair is administered by the Iowa state fair board. Each year
17 the fair board must organize a convention to elect members to
18 the state fair board and conduct other business of the board.
19 The board is partly composed of two persons from each
20 congressional district elected by the convention.

21 This bill eliminates a number of delegates to the
22 convention, including the president or an accredited
23 representative of the state horticultural society, the Iowa
24 state dairy association, the Iowa beef cattle producers
25 association, the Iowa crop improvement association, the Iowa
26 pork producers council, the Iowa horse industry council, the
27 Iowa sheep and wool promotion board, the Iowa home economists
28 association, the Iowa dietetics association, and the state
29 board of education. The bill also eliminates the chairperson
30 or an accredited representative of the Iowa arts council.

31 Secondly, the bill provides that congressional board
32 directors must be elected by a majority of convention members
33 from the same congressional district. The bill provides that
34 in case of a tie, the director must be elected by majority
35 vote cast by the governor, the secretary of agriculture, and

1 the president of Iowa state university.

2 Finally, the bill amends provisions relating to the term of
3 office, by providing that a director's term begins following
4 the adjournment of the convention, rather than at noon on the
5 day following the convention's adjournment. The bill also
6 eliminates a provision limiting a director's term of office to
7 five consecutive terms.

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