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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for election and membership procedures involving  
2 the Iowa state fair convention, including the election of  
3 members to the Iowa 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 ~~servng-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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