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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the membership of a joint 911 service board.  
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 34A.3, subsection 1, unnumbered  
2 paragraph 1, Code 1997, is amended to read as follows:  
3 The board of supervisors of each county shall establish a  
4 joint 911 service board ~~not later than January 17, 1989. Each~~  
5 ~~political subdivision of the state having a public safety~~  
6 ~~agency serving territory within the county is entitled to~~  
7 ~~voting membership on the joint 911 service board. Each~~  
8 ~~private public safety agency operating within the area is~~  
9 ~~entitled to nonvoting voting membership on the board. A~~  
10 ~~township which does not operate its own public safety agency,~~  
11 ~~but contracts~~ Each private safety agency under contract with a  
12 political subdivision within the county for the provision of  
13 public safety services, is not entitled to membership on the  
14 joint 911 service board, but its contractor is entitled to  
15 membership according to the contractor's status as a public or  
16 private safety agency is entitled to voting membership on the  
17 board. The board of supervisors of the county establishing  
18 the board is also entitled to voting membership on the board.  
19 The joint 911 service board shall develop an enhanced 911  
20 service plan encompassing at minimum the entire county, unless  
21 an exemption is granted by the administrator permitting a  
22 smaller E911 service area. The administrator may grant a  
23 discretionary exemption from the single county minimum service  
24 area requirement based upon an E911 joint service board's or  
25 other E911 service plan operating authority's presentation of  
26 evidence which supports the requested exemption if the  
27 administrator finds that local conditions make adherence to  
28 the minimum standard unreasonable or technically infeasible,  
29 and that the purposes of this chapter would be furthered by  
30 granting an exemption. The minimum size requirement is  
31 intended to prevent unnecessary duplication of public safety  
32 answering points and minimize other administrative, personnel,  
33 and equipment expenses. An E911 service area must encompass a  
34 geographically contiguous area. No exemption shall be granted  
35 from the contiguous area requirement. The administrator may

1 order the inclusion of a specific territory in an adjoining  
2 E911 service plan area to avoid the creation by exclusion of a  
3 territory smaller than a single county not serviced by  
4 surrounding E911 service plan areas upon request of the joint  
5 911 service board representing the territory. The E911  
6 service plan operating authority shall submit the plan on or  
7 before January 1, 1994, to all of the following:

8 EXPLANATION

9 This bill amends the membership of the 911 service board  
10 established in each county. The bill provides that each  
11 political subdivision, each public safety agency in the  
12 county, each private safety agency under contract with a  
13 political subdivision within the county, and the board of  
14 supervisors is entitled to voting membership on the board.

15 Currently, each political subdivision having a public  
16 safety agency serving territory within the county is entitled  
17 to a voting membership and each private safety agency is  
18 entitled to a nonvoting membership. A township which does not  
19 operate its own public safety agency, but contracts for such  
20 services, is not entitled to membership on the board, but the  
21 contractor is entitled to membership according to the  
22 contractor's status as a public or private safety agency.

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