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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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A BILL FOR

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2 commissions, committees, or other multimember appointive
3 bodies.

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2 GENDER BALANCE ON LOCAL COMMITTEES, BOARDS, AND COMMISSIONS.

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8 racially balanced to reflect the ratio of the various racial
9 groups to the general population of the city or county. If
10 the total membership is odd-numbered, a person shall not be
11 appointed or reappointed to a board, commission, committee, or
12 other multimember body of a city or county if that appointment
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15 plus one. If the total membership is even-numbered, not more
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19 population of less than forty-five thousand.

20 3. The requirement of gender balance of members pursuant
21 to subsection 1 does not apply to cities having a population
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23 EXPLANATION

24 This bill requires that the mayor or other appointive
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