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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for the designation of a state poet laureate.
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 303.88A STATE POET LAUREATE
2 DESIGNATED -- NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

3 A state poet laureate nominating committee is created. The
4 nominating committee shall consist of the heads of the
5 departments of English at the state universities under the
6 control of the state board of regents and at the private,
7 accredited four-year colleges and universities located in this
8 state, who shall be invited to serve without compensation for
9 their services.

10 At the request of the arts division administrator, the
11 members of the nominating committee, individually, shall each
12 submit to the governor at least one nominee who, based on the
13 nominee's poetic accomplishments, deserves the recognition as
14 state poet laureate. The governor shall select a state poet
15 laureate from the list of nominees for a term of office
16 determined by the governor. The state poet laureate is an
17 honorary office. The state poet laureate shall be a resident
18 of this state.

19 EXPLANATION

20 This bill provides for the nomination and selection of a
21 state poet laureate for the state. The English department
22 heads of the state universities and the private, accredited
23 four-year colleges and universities are invited to nominate
24 deserving poets, one of whom will be selected as state poet
25 laureate by the governor. The state poet laureate is an
26 honorary office for a term to be determined by the governor.
27 The state poet laureate shall be a resident of this state.

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