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STATE GOVERNMENT

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BY CHURCHILL

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to confirmation requirements for gubernatorial
2 appointments.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 2.32, subsection 6, unnumbered
2 paragraph 1, Code 1997, is amended to read as follows:

3 The confirmation of every appointment submitted to the
4 senate requires the approval of ~~two-thirds~~ a majority of the
5 all members of elected to the senate.

6 Sec. 2. Section 2.32, subsection 8, Code 1997, is amended
7 by striking the subsection.

8 Sec. 3. Section 333A.2, subsection 1, paragraph b, Code
9 1997, is amended to read as follows:

10 b. Five elected county officials who are regularly
11 involved in budget preparation. One county official shall be
12 from a county with a population of less than eleven thousand
13 five hundred, one from a county with a population of more than
14 eleven thousand five hundred but not more than sixteen
15 thousand, one from a county with a population of more than
16 sixteen thousand but not more than twenty-two thousand five
17 hundred, one from a county with a population of more than
18 twenty-two thousand five hundred but not more than eighty
19 thousand and one from a county with a population of more than
20 eighty thousand. The governor shall select and appoint the
21 county officials, subject to ~~the approval of two-thirds of the~~
22 members of confirmation by the senate.

23 Sec. 4. Section 333A.2, subsection 1, paragraph c, Code
24 1997, is amended to read as follows:

25 c. A certified public accountant experienced in
26 governmental accounting selected and appointed by the governor
27 ~~with the approval of two-thirds of the members of,~~ subject to
28 confirmation by the senate.

29 Sec. 5. Section 80.3, Code 1997, is repealed.

30 EXPLANATION

31 This bill provides for modifications to the senate
32 confirmation process for gubernatorial appointments.

33 Code section 2.32, subsection 6, states that approval of
34 appointments submitted to the senate requires a two-thirds
35 favorable vote. This bill reduces the required number of

1 votes for approval to a majority vote of all members elected
2 to the senate. Code section 2.32, subsection 8, requires that
3 previously approved gubernatorial appointees are subject to
4 reconfirmation by the senate every four years, with the same
5 confirmation procedures applicable as with an initial
6 appointment. This bill repeals this subsection.

7 The bill also repeals or modifies the inconsistent
8 provisions of Code section 80.3, relating to appointments to
9 fill vacancies in the position of commissioner of public
10 safety, and Code section 333A.2, relating to county finance
11 committee membership, to promote consistency with Code section
12 2.32 modifications.

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