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STATE GOVERNMENT

HOUSE FILE 487
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(COMPANION TO LSB 2556SS
BY NEUHAUSER)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act concerning gender balance for appointive committees of
2 political subdivisions of the state.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 69.16A, Code 1997, is amended to read
2 as follows:

3 69.16A GENDER BALANCE.

4 All appointive boards, commissions, committees, and
5 councils of the state or a political subdivision of the state,
6 including a city, county, or school district, established by
7 the Code if not otherwise provided by law shall be gender
8 balanced. No person shall be appointed or reappointed to any
9 board, commission, committee, or council established by the
10 Code if that appointment or reappointment would cause the
11 number of members of the board, commission, committee, or
12 council of one gender to be greater than one-half the
13 membership of the board, commission, committee, or council
14 plus one if the board, commission, committee, or council is
15 composed of an odd number of members. If the board,
16 commission, committee, or council is composed of an even
17 number of members, not more than one-half of the membership
18 shall be of one gender. If there are multiple appointing
19 authorities for a board, commission, committee, or council,
20 they shall consult each other to avoid a violation of this
21 section. ~~This section shall not prohibit an individual from~~
22 ~~completing a term being served on June 30, 1987.~~ This section
23 shall not prohibit an individual on a board, commission,
24 committee, or council of a political subdivision from
25 completing a term being served on June 30, 1997.

26 EXPLANATION

27 This bill provides that membership on a board, commission,
28 committee, or council of a political subdivision established
29 by the Code shall be gender balanced. A political subdivision
30 includes a city, county, or school district. The bill
31 provides that the gender balance requirements shall not
32 prohibit an individual currently serving on a board,
33 commission, committee, or council of a political subdivision
34 on June 30, 1997, from completing their term.

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