## **House Study Bill 545**

## **Bill Text**

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1 1 Section 1. Section 476.77, subsection 2, Code 1997, is
1 2 amended to read as follows:
1 3 2. A proposal for reorganization shall be deemed to have
1 4 been approved unless the board disapproves the proposal within
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- one hundred eighty days after its filing. The board,
- 1 6 for good cause shown, may extend the deadline for acting on an
- 1 7 application for an additional period not to exceed sixty days.
- 1 8 However, the board shall not disapprove a proposal for
- 1 9 reorganization without providing for notice and opportunity
- 1 10 for hearing. The notice of hearing shall be provided no later
- 1 11 than fifty days after the proposal for reorganization has been 1  $12 \, \mathrm{filed}$ .
- 1 13 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of
- 1 14 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.
- 1 15 EXPLANATION
- 1 16 This bill extends the time for review of a reorganization
- 1 17 of a public utility by the Iowa utilities board from 90 to 180
- 1 18 days. The bill also provides that the utilities board may
- 1 19 extend the deadline for acting on the application for an
- 1 20 additional time period not to exceed 60 days for good cause.
- 1 21 The bill takes effect upon enactment.
- 1 22 LSB 3266DP 77
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