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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to redistricting by providing for senatorial
2 elections subsequent to redistricting, the relationship of
3 legislative and congressional district boundaries, and multi-
4 director school district terms.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 42.4, subsection 6, Code 1999, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 6. In order to minimize electoral confusion and to
4 facilitate communication within state legislative districts,
5 each plan drawn under this section shall provide that each
6 representative district is wholly included within a single
7 senatorial district and that, so far as possible, each
8 representative and each senatorial district shall be included
9 within a single congressional district. ~~However, the~~
10 ~~standards established by subsections 1 through 5 shall take~~
11 ~~precedence where a conflict arises between these standards and~~
12 ~~the requirement, so far as possible, of including a senatorial~~
13 ~~or representative district within a single congressional~~
14 ~~district.~~ However, if the number of senate districts and the
15 number of representative districts are evenly divisible by the
16 number of congressional districts, each bill embodying a plan
17 drawn under this section and submitted under section 42.3
18 shall provide that each representative and each senatorial
19 district shall be included within a single congressional
20 district.

21 Sec. 2. Section 42.4, subsection 8, paragraph b,
22 subparagraph (1), subparagraph subdivision (b), Code 1999, is
23 amended to read as follows:

24 (b) The senatorial district in the plan which includes the
25 place of residence of the state senator on the date of the
26 senator's last election to the senate is the same as the even-
27 numbered senatorial district in which the senator resides on
28 February 1, 2002, or the senatorial district in the plan which
29 includes the place of residence of the state senator on the
30 date of the senator's last election to the senate is
31 contiguous to such the even-numbered senatorial district in
32 which the senator resides on February 1, 2002, and the
33 senator's declared residence as of February 1, 2002, was is
34 within the district from which the senator was last elected.
35 Areas which meet only at the points of adjoining corners are

1 not contiguous.

2 Sec. 3. Section 42.4, subsection 8, paragraph b,
3 subparagraph (2), Code 1999, is amended to read as follows:

4 (2) Each even-numbered senatorial district to which
5 subparagraph (1) of this paragraph is not applicable shall
6 elect a senator in 2002 for a two-year term commencing in
7 January 2003. However, if more than one incumbent state
8 senator is residing in an even-numbered senatorial district on
9 February 1, 2002, and, on or before February 15, 2002, all but
10 one of the incumbent senators resigns from office effective no
11 later than January 1, 2003, the remaining incumbent senator
12 shall represent the district in the senate for the Eightieth
13 General Assembly if the remaining incumbent senator was
14 elected to a four-year term which commenced in January 2001 or
15 was subsequently elected to fill a vacancy in such a term. A
16 copy of the resignation must be filed in the office of the
17 secretary of state no later than five p.m. on February 15,
18 2002.

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20 amended to read as follows:

21 4. If more than one incumbent director resides in a
22 redrawn director district or if the number of incumbent
23 directors residing in a redrawn multi-director district
24 exceeds the number of directors who are to represent the
25 district, the terms of office of the affected directors expire
26 at the organizational meeting of the board of directors
27 following the next regular school election following the
28 adoption of the redrawn districts.

29 EXPLANATION

30 This bill makes changes relating to the process of
31 redistricting in Iowa for congressional, legislative, and
32 certain school director districts.

33 Code section 42.4, subsection 6, is amended to provide that
34 if the number of senate and the number of house districts are
35 evenly divisible by the number of congressional districts, the

1 legislative districts in plans required to be submitted by the
2 legislative service bureau shall be wholly contained within
3 congressional district boundaries.

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5 necessary requirements in determining whether an election in
6 November 2002 is required for an even-numbered senate
7 district. The amendments to the subsection do not modify
8 current law.

9 Code section 275.23A, concerning school district elections
10 following redistricting, is amended to provide that if the
11 number of directors residing in a multi-director district
12 following redistricting exceeds the number authorized, each
13 affected director's term of office shall end after the
14 organizational meeting of the school board following the next
15 regular school election after the redrawn districts are
16 adopted.

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