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BY COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT

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Vote: Ayes 50 Nays 0

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Vote 90-3

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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HF 688

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

3 1. A state poet laureate nominating committee is created.
4 At the request of the governor, the executive committee of the
5 board of directors of humanities Iowa shall appoint a state
6 poet laureate nominating committee consisting of not less than
7 five nor more than nine members who are heads of the
8 departments of English or their designees at the institutions
9 of higher learning under the control of the state board of
10 regents and the institutions comprising the Iowa association
11 of independent colleges and universities. At its initial
12 meeting held at the call of the executive committee of the
13 board of directors of humanities Iowa, the state poet laureate
14 nominating committee shall elect a chairperson and vice
15 chairperson from among its members and adopt rules of
16 procedure. Members of the state poet laureate nominating
17 committee shall be invited to serve without compensation for
18 their services.

19 2. If more than one meeting is required, the state poet
20 laureate nominating committee shall meet at the call of the
21 chairperson or as determined by the nominating committee and
22 select a list of three nominees, along with biographical and
23 professional information and supporting representative
24 material, who are residents of Iowa and who, based on their
25 poetic accomplishments, deserve recognition as the state poet
26 laureate. The list of nominees shall be transmitted to the
27 executive committee of the board of directors of humanities
28 Iowa and the governor. The governor may select the state poet
29 laureate from the list of nominees for a term of office as
30 determined by the governor. The state poet laureate is an
31 honorary state office and the incumbent is entitled to no
32 compensation as a result of the appointment.

33 EXPLANATION

34 This bill provides for the nomination and selection of a
35 state poet laureate for the state. At the request of the

1 governor, the executive committee of the board of directors of
2 humanities Iowa shall appoint a state poet laureate nominating
3 committee to nominate three resident poets. Five to nine
4 persons from the English department heads or their designees
5 of the state universities and the private colleges and
6 universities comprising the Iowa association of independent
7 colleges and universities are invited to serve on the
8 nominating committee, from the three nominated poets, the
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S-3312

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2 follows:

3 1. Page 1, by striking lines 3 through 18 and
4 inserting the following:

5 "1. A state poet laureate nominating committee is
6 created. At the request of the governor, the
7 executive director of humanities Iowa and the
8 executive director of the Iowa arts council shall each
9 appoint three persons who reside in this state to a
10 poet laureate nominating committee. At its initial
11 meeting held at the call of the executive directors of
12 humanities Iowa and the Iowa arts council, the state
13 poet laureate nominating committee shall elect a
14 chairperson and vice chairperson from among its
15 members and adopt rules of procedure. The members of
16 the state poet laureate nominating committee shall be
17 invited to serve without compensation for their
18 services. The nominating committee is charged with
19 considering the diversity of the people and poetry of
20 Iowa."

21 2. Page 1, by striking lines 27 through 30 and
22 inserting the following: "governor. The governor may
23 select the state poet laureate from the list of
24 nominees for a two-year term of office. The state
25 poet laureate is an".

By ROBERT E. DVORSKY
BILL FINK
SHELDON RITTMER

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SENATE AMENDMENT TO HOUSE FILE 688

H-1784

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RECEIVED FROM THE SENATE

H-1784 FILED APRIL 22, 1999

House Concurred
4-27-99 (P. 1732)

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state poet laureate is an honorary state office and the incumbent is entitled to no compensation as a result of the appointment.

BRENT SIEGRIST
Speaker of the House

MARY E. KRAMER
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 688, Seventy-eighth General Assembly.

ELIZABETH ISAACSON
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved May 20, 1999

THOMAS J. VILSACK
Governor

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