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A BILL FOR

1	An	Act providing for the reorganization of districts for the	
2		election of Iowa state fair board directors, and providing for	
3		an election.	
4	BE	IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:	
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1 Section 1. Section 173.1, subsection 2, Code 2001, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 2. Two board-congressional <u>district</u> directors from each 4 congressional <u>state fair board</u> district to be elected at a 5 convention as provided in section 173.4.

6 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 173.1A DEFINITIONS.

7 As used in this section, unless the context otherwise 8 requires:

9 1. "Board" means the Iowa state fair board as provided in 10 section 173.1.

11 2. "Convention" means the convention held each year, to 12 elect members of the state fair board and conduct other 13 business of the board, as provided in section 173.2.

14 3. "District director" means a director of the Iowa state15 fair board who represents a state fair board district.

4. "State fair board district" or "district" means any of
17 the six geographic regions established in section 173.4A.
18 Sec. 3. Section 173.4, subsection 2, Code 2001, is amended
19 to read as follows:

20 2. A successor to a board-congressional <u>district</u> director 21 shall be elected by a majority of convention members from the 22 same congressional state fair board district as the <u>district</u> 23 director, according to rules adopted by the convention. A 24 member who is also a board-congressional <u>district</u> director 25 shall not be entitled to vote for a successor to a board 26 congressional <u>district</u> director.

Sec. 4. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 173.4A STATE FAIR BOARD DISTRICTS.
The state shall be divided into six geographic regions
known as state fair board districts. The regions shall
include all of the following:

The northwest state fair board district which shall
 contain all of the following counties: Buena Vista, Calhoun,
 Cherokee, Clay, Dickinson, Emmet, Ida, Lyon, O'Brien, Osceola,
 Palo Alto, Plymouth, Pocahontas, Sac, Sioux, and Woodbury.
 The north central state fair board district which shall

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1 contain all of the following counties: Boone, Butler, Cerro 2 Gordo, Floyd, Franklin, Grundy, Hamilton, Hancock, Hardin, 3 Humboldt, Kossuth, Marshall, Mitchell, Story, Tama, Webster, 4 Winnebago, Worth, and Wright.

5 3. The northeast state fair board district which shall 6 contain all of the following counties: Allamakee, Benton, 7 Black Hawk, Bremer, Buchanan, Chickasaw, Clayton, Delaware, 8 Dubuque, Fayette, Howard, Jackson, Jones, Linn, and 9 Winneshiek.

4. The southwest state fair board district which shall
11 contain the following counties: Adair, Adams, Audubon,
12 Carroll, Cass, Crawford, Fremont, Greene, Guthrie, Harrison,
13 Mills, Monona, Montgomery, Page, Pottawattamie, Shelby, and
14 Taylor.

15 5. The south central state fair board district which shall
16 contain the following counties: Appanoose, Clarke, Dallas,
17 Decatur, Jasper, Lucas, Madison, Mahaska, Marion, Monroe,
18 Polk, Poweshiek, Ringgold, Union, Warren, and Wayne.

19 6. The southeast state fair board district which shall
 20 contain the following counties: Cedar, Clinton, Davis, Des
 21 Moines, Henry, Iowa, Jefferson, Johnson, Keokuk, Lee, Louisa,
 22 Muscatine, Scott, Van Buren, Wapello, and Washington.
 23 Sec. 5. Section 173.5, subsection 2, Code 2001, is amended
 24 to read as follows:

25 2. Each year, the convention shall elect a successor to 26 one of the two board-congressional district directors whose 27 term expires following the adjournment of the convention, as 28 provided in section 173.4.

29 Sec. 6. Section 173.6, unnumbered paragraph 2, Code 2001, 30 is amended to read as follows:

31 A member of the board who is a board-congressional district 32 director7-elected-as-provided-in-section-173.17 shall serve a 33 term of two years. The term of a board-congressional district 34 director shall begin following the adjournment of the 35 convention at which the board-congressional district director

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1 was elected and shall continue until a successor is elected 2 and qualified as provided in this chapter.

3 Sec. 7. ELECTIONS OF DISTRICT DIRECTORS. Notwithstanding 4 chapter 173, the state fair board shall retain all its powers 5 and discharge its responsibilities as required in chapter 173 6 as it did immediately prior to the effective date of this Act. 7 The board shall organize an election of all district directors 8 representing state fair board districts and the convention 9 held in 2001 as provided in section 173.2 shall elect twelve 10 district directors to the board, as if all the directors were 11 successors in accordance with chapter 173 as amended by this 12 Act. The board may propose and the convention shall establish 13 staggered terms of office for the elected directors as 14 provided in section 173.5.

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## EXPLANATION

This bill amends Code chapter 173 that provides for the 16 17 Iowa state fair, including its administration by the Iowa 18 state fair board. The board is vested with authority over the 19 Iowa state fair and other events held on the Iowa state 20 fairgrounds, and is also responsible for the fairgrounds. The Iowa state fair board is composed of governor, the 21 22 secretary of agriculture, and the president of the Iowa state 23 university (or their designees), and elected members referred 24 to as "congressional directors" because two members are 25 elected from each of Iowa's five congressional districts. A 26 congressional district director serves a term of two years, 27 and each year, one successor from each congressional district 28 is elected at a convention to serve on the board. 29 The bill abolishes the congressional districts in favor of 30 six districts modeled after regions used to select the state 31 soil conservation committee (see 27 IAC 1.2), including 32 northwest, north central, northeast, southwest, south central, 33 and southeast regions of the state.

34 The bill provides that the current state fair board retains 35 all its powers and is required to discharge its

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1 responsibilities as required in Code chapter 173 as it did 2 immediately prior to the effective date of the bill. It 3 requires the board to organize an election of all district 4 directors and requires the convention held in 2001 to elect 12 5 district directors to the board. The bill provides that the 6 board may propose and the convention must establish staggered 7 terms of office for the elected directors as provided in Code 8 section 173.5.

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2. "Convention" means the convention held each year, to elect members of the state fair board and conduct other business of the board, as provided in section 173.2.

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5. The south central state fair board district which shall contain the following counties: Appanoose, Clarke, Dallas, Decatur, Jasper, Lucas, Madison, Mahaska, Marion, Monroe, Polk, Poweshiek, Ringgold, Union, Warren, and Wayne.

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Sec. 7. ELECTIONS OF DISTRICT DIRECTORS. Notwithstanding chapter 173, the state fair board shall retain all its powers and discharge its responsibilities as required in chapter 173 as it did immediately prior to the effective date of this Act. The board shall organize an election of all district directors representing state fair board districts and the convention held in 2001 as provided in section 173.2 shall elect twelve district directors to the board, as if all the directors were successors in accordance with chapter 173 as amended by this Act. The board may propose and the convention shall establish House File 225, p. 4

staggered terms of office for the elected directors as provided in section 173.5.

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 225, Seventy-ninth General Assembly.

Approved

MARGARET THOMSON Chief Clerk of the House

THOMAS J. VILSACK Governor