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BY COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the review by the ethics and campaign
2 disclosure board of county supervisor redistricting plans.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 68B.32A, Code 2001, is amended by
2 adding the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 15. Establish an expedited procedure for
4 reviewing complaints forwarded by the state commissioner of
5 elections to the board for a determination as to whether a
6 supervisor district plan adopted pursuant to section 331.210A
7 was drawn for improper political reasons as described in
8 section 42.4, subsection 5. The expedited procedure shall be
9 substantially similar to the process used for other complaints
10 filed with the board except that the provisions of section
11 68B.32D shall not apply.

12 Sec. 2. Section 331.210A, subsection 2, paragraph e, Code
13 2001, is amended to read as follows:

14 e. The plan approved by the board of supervisors shall be
15 submitted to the state commissioner of elections for approval.
16 If the state commissioner or the ethics and campaign
17 disclosure board finds that the plan does not meet the
18 standards of section 42.4, the state commissioner shall reject
19 the plan, and the board of supervisors shall direct the
20 commission to prepare and adopt an acceptable plan.

21 For purposes of determining whether the standards of
22 section 42.4 have been met, an eligible elector may file a
23 complaint with the state commissioner of elections within
24 fourteen days after a plan is approved by the board of
25 supervisors of the county in which the eligible elector
26 resides, on a form prescribed by the commissioner, alleging
27 that the plan was drawn for improper political reasons as
28 described in section 42.4, subsection 5. If a complaint is
29 filed with the state commissioner of elections, the state
30 commissioner shall forward the complaint to the ethics and
31 campaign disclosure board established in section 68B.32 for
32 resolution.

33 If, after the initial proposed supervisor district plan or
34 precinct plan has been submitted to the state commissioner for
35 approval, it is necessary for the temporary county

1 redistricting commission to make subsequent attempts at
2 adopting an acceptable plan, the subsequent plans do not
3 require public hearings.

4 EXPLANATION

5 This bill provides that the ethics and campaign disclosure
6 board shall establish an expedited procedure for reviewing a
7 county supervisor redistricting plan to determine if the plan
8 was drawn for improper political reasons in violation of Code
9 section 42.4, subsection 5. The procedure shall be
10 substantially similar to the process used for other complaints
11 considered by the board. The bill provides that an eligible
12 elector in the county for which the plan was adopted has 14
13 days following adoption of the plan to file a complaint with
14 the state commissioner of elections (secretary of state)
15 alleging a violation. The bill provides that the state
16 commissioner shall forward the complaint to the ethics board
17 and if the board does find a violation, the state commissioner
18 is required to reject the plan.

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