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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to soil and water conservation districts by  
2 providing for offices and staff.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 161A.5, Code 2003, is amended by adding  
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 1A. The commissioners of each soil and  
4 water conservation district shall maintain an office located  
5 in the district. The office shall be supported by at least  
6 one full-time equivalent position as defined by section 8.36A.  
7 The position's duties shall include providing clerical support  
8 to the commissioners and assisting landowners who are  
9 interested in participating in programs administered under  
10 this chapter.

11 EXPLANATION

12 This bill amends Code chapter 161A, the "Soil Conservation  
13 Districts Law". The chapter provides for a number of programs  
14 that are designed to preserve soil and water resources of the  
15 state, including through cost-share incentive payments to  
16 agricultural landowners installing soil and water conservation  
17 practices upon their property (e.g., the construction of  
18 terraces or the planting of vegetation). The Code chapter  
19 provides for the establishment of 100 soil and water  
20 conservation districts. Each district is governed by five  
21 commissioners who are elected on a nonpartisan basis.

22 The bill requires that an office be located within each  
23 district. It also requires that the office must be supported  
24 by at least one full-time equivalent position. The position's  
25 duties must include providing clerical support to the  
26 commissioners and assisting landowners who are interested in  
27 participating in programs administered under Code chapter  
28 161A.

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