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STATE GOVERNMENT

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act providing for the determination of partisan balance on  
2 boards and commissions.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 69.16, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code  
2 2003, is amended to read as follows:

3 All appointive boards, commissions, and councils of the  
4 state established by the Code if not otherwise provided by law  
5 shall be bipartisan in their composition. No person shall be  
6 appointed or reappointed to any board, commission, or council  
7 established by the Code if the effect of that appointment or  
8 reappointment would cause the number of members of the board,  
9 commission, or council belonging to one political party to be  
10 greater than ~~one-half-the-membership~~ the number of members of  
11 the board, commission, or council ~~plus-one~~ belonging to  
12 another political party.

13 EXPLANATION

14 This bill concerns the determination of partisan balance  
15 for appointive boards, commissions, and councils. The bill  
16 provides that the number of members of an appointive board,  
17 commission, or council of one political party shall not be  
18 greater than the number of members from another political  
19 party. Under current law, the number of members of such a  
20 body belonging to one political party shall not be greater  
21 than one-half of the membership of the body.

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