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STATE GOVERNMENT

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring counties to conduct referenda on sharing
2 services.

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

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 331.910 REFERENDUM ON SHARING
2 SERVICES.

3 1. At the general election in 2004, and every four years
4 thereafter, the question of sharing services shall be placed
5 on the ballot in substantially the following form:

6 "Should the county of (Name of county where precinct is
7 located) enter into agreements to share delivery of county
8 services with one or more surrounding counties?"

9 2. If the question of sharing services is approved by a
10 majority of the votes cast in the county at the election, and
11 is approved by a majority of the votes cast in one or more
12 surrounding counties at the election, the boards of
13 supervisors in two or more of those counties shall, within
14 sixty days of the election, begin discussions to enter into
15 28E agreements for sharing services, to form a community
16 cluster pursuant to sections 28E.35 through 28E.38, or to
17 establish a regional metropolitan service area pursuant to
18 section 28E.40. The referendum required in section 28E.39 and
19 the referendum required when seeking to establish a
20 metropolitan service area are not required if a community
21 cluster is formed, or a metropolitan service area is
22 established, as a result of supervisor action required by this
23 section.

24 EXPLANATION

25 This bill provides that at the 2004 general election and
26 every four years thereafter, each county shall include on the
27 general election ballot the question of whether the county
28 should enter into agreements to share services with one or
29 more surrounding counties. If the question of sharing
30 services is approved by a majority of votes cast in the county
31 and by a majority of the votes cast in one or more surrounding
32 counties, the board of supervisors shall begin the process for
33 entering into 28E agreements for sharing services or for
34 forming a community cluster with a surrounding county, or for
35 establishing a metropolitan service area with a surrounding

1 county.

2 The bill also provides that the referendum requirements for
3 community clusters and metropolitan service areas shall not
4 apply if the cluster was formed, or the service area
5 established, as a result of the question of sharing services
6 placed on the ballot at the general election.

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