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(COMPANION TO HF 166 BY  
JACOBS)

Passed Senate, Date \_\_\_\_\_ Passed House, Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Vote: Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_ Vote: Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_  
Approved \_\_\_\_\_

A BILL FOR

1 An Act abolishing county compensation boards.  
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

1 Section 1. Section 331.212, subsection 2, Code 2003, is  
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. i. Setting the compensation schedule of  
4 the elected county officers.

5 Sec. 2. Section 331.321, subsection 1, paragraph 1, Code  
6 2003, is amended by striking the paragraph.

7 Sec. 3. Section 331.322, subsection 6, Code 2003, is  
8 amended to read as follows:

9 6. Review ~~Annually review and prepare~~ the final  
10 compensation schedule ~~of-the-county-compensation-board-and~~  
11 ~~determine-the-final-compensation-schedule~~ in accordance with  
12 section 331.907.

13 Sec. 4. Section 331.322, subsection 7, Code 2003, is  
14 amended by striking the subsection.

15 Sec. 5. Section 331.323, subsection 1, unnumbered  
16 paragraph 5, Code 2003, is amended to read as follows:

17 When ~~If~~ the duties of an officer or employee are assigned  
18 to one or more elected officers, the board shall set the  
19 initial salary for each elected officer. ~~---Thereafter, the~~  
20 ~~salary shall be determined~~ as provided in section 331.907.

21 Sec. 6. Section 331.907, subsections 1 and 2, Code 2003,  
22 are amended to read as follows:

23 1. The annual compensation of the auditor, treasurer,  
24 recorder, sheriff, county attorney, and supervisors shall be  
25 determined as provided in this section. The county  
26 compensation board of supervisors annually shall review the  
27 compensation paid to comparable officers in other counties of  
28 this state, other states, private enterprise, and the federal  
29 government. In setting the salary of the county sheriff, the  
30 ~~county-compensation~~ board shall consider setting the sheriff's  
31 salary so that it is comparable to salaries paid to  
32 professional law enforcement administrators and command  
33 officers of the Iowa state patrol, the division of criminal  
34 investigation of the department of public safety, and city  
35 police agencies in this state. The ~~county-compensation~~ board

1 shall prepare a compensation schedule for the elective county  
2 officers for the succeeding fiscal year. A recommended  
3 compensation schedule requires a majority vote of the  
4 membership of the county-compensation board.

5 2. At the public hearing held on the county budget as  
6 provided in section 331.434, the county-compensation board  
7 shall submit its recommended compensation schedule for the  
8 next fiscal year to-the-board-of-supervisors for inclusion in  
9 the county budget. ~~The-board-of-supervisors-shall-review-the~~  
10 ~~recommended-compensation-schedule-for-the-elected-county~~  
11 ~~officers-and-determine-the-final-compensation-schedule-which~~  
12 ~~shall-not-exceed-the-compensation-schedule-recommended-by-the~~  
13 ~~county-compensation-board.--In-determining-the-final~~  
14 ~~compensation-schedule-if-the-board-of-supervisors-wishes-to~~  
15 ~~reduce-the-amount-of-the-recommended-compensation-schedule,~~  
16 ~~the-amount-of-salary-increase-proposed-for-each-elected-county~~  
17 ~~officer-shall-be-reduced-an-equal-percentage.~~ A copy of the  
18 final compensation schedule shall be filed with the county  
19 budget at the office of the director of the department of  
20 management. The final compensation schedule takes effect on  
21 July 1 following its adoption by the board of supervisors.

22 Sec. 7. Section 331.905, Code 2003, is repealed.

23 EXPLANATION

24 This bill abolishes the county compensation board and  
25 transfers to the board of supervisors the duty of setting the  
26 compensation schedule for elective county officers.

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