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STATE GOVERNMENT

SENATE FILE

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BY DEARDEN and FRAISE

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the composition of the Iowa state fair board
2 by providing that the composition of district directors be
3 bipartisan and gender balanced.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 173.5, subsection 2, Code 2003, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 2. Each year, the convention shall elect a successor to
4 one of the two district directors whose term expires following
5 the adjournment of the convention, as provided in section
6 173.4. In electing a successor, the convention shall adopt
7 and comply with rules necessary to ensure that the composition
8 of all district directors is bipartisan and gender balanced as
9 if the district directors were appointed pursuant to sections
10 69.16 and 69.16A.

11 Sec. 2. ELECTION OF DISTRICT DIRECTORS. This Act does not
12 require that a person who has been elected as a district
13 director vacate that position before the expiration of the
14 director's term. However, the convention shall adopt rules in
15 order to provide for the implementation of the amendment to
16 section 173.5 as provided in this Act with all deliberate
17 speed.

18 EXPLANATION

19 This bill amends a provision in Code chapter 173, which
20 provides for the Iowa state fair, including its administration
21 by the Iowa state fair board. The board is vested with
22 authority over the Iowa state fair and other events held on
23 the Iowa state fairgrounds, and it is also responsible for the
24 fairgrounds.

25 The board is composed of the governor, the secretary of
26 agriculture, and the president of Iowa state university (or
27 their designees), and 12 directors representing six state
28 districts. The district directors are elected at an annual
29 convention and serve staggered terms.

30 The bill amends Code section 173.5, which provides for the
31 election of successors to serve as district directors. The
32 bill provides that in electing a successor, the convention
33 must ensure that the composition of the 12 elected district
34 directors is gender and politically balanced in the same
35 manner as is the composition of boards whose members are

1 appointed pursuant to Code sections 69.16 and 69.16A.

2 The bill provides that it does not require that a person
3 elected as a district director vacate their position. It does
4 require that the convention adopt rules necessary to implement
5 the bill's provisions.

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