

House File 608 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 52)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to notice of meetings of the board of township
2 trustees.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
4 TLSB 1772HV 82
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1 1 Section 1. Section 359.17, Code 2007, is amended to read
1 2 as follows:
1 3 359.17 TRUSTEES == DUTIES == MEETINGS.
1 4 1. The board of township trustees in each township shall
1 5 consist of three registered voters of the township. However,
1 6 in townships with a taxable valuation for property tax
1 7 purposes of two hundred fifty million dollars or more, the
1 8 board of township trustees shall consist of five registered
1 9 voters of the township. The trustees shall act as fence
1 10 viewers and shall perform other duties assigned them by law.
1 11 The board of trustees shall meet not less than two times a
1 12 year. At least one of the meetings shall be scheduled to meet
1 13 the requirements of section 359.49.

1 14 2. The trustees shall give notice of a meeting of the
1 15 board of township trustees at least forty-eight hours prior to
1 16 the commencement of the meeting. The notice shall state the
1 17 time, date, and place of the meeting and the proposed agenda.
1 18 The notice shall be provided to the county auditor who shall
1 19 post the notice in an area of the courthouse where notices to
1 20 the public are commonly posted. The trustees shall not
1 21 receive compensation for attending a meeting until the
1 22 township clerk has certified in writing to the county auditor
1 23 that notice was provided as required by this subsection.

1 24 Sec. 2. Section 359.46, subsection 1, Code 2007, is
1 25 amended by adding the following new paragraph:
1 26 NEW PARAGRAPH. c. When the trustees do not give notice of
1 27 a meeting as provided in section 359.17, subsection 2.

1 28 EXPLANATION

1 29 This bill provides that the board of township trustees
1 30 shall give notice of the time, date, and place of each
1 31 meeting, and its tentative agenda. The trustees shall give
1 32 notice of a meeting at least 48 hours prior to commencement of
1 33 the meeting. The notice shall be provided to the county
1 34 auditor who shall post the notice in the courthouse. The
1 35 trustees shall not receive compensation for the time spent
2 1 attending the meeting unless notice was provided as required.

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