

# House File 232 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 59)

(COMPANION TO SF 108 BY  
COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY)

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

## A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the membership of the public safety  
2 communications interoperability board and providing an  
3 effective and applicability date provision.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
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1 1 Section 1. Section 80.28, subsection 2, paragraph b, Code  
1 2 2009, is amended to read as follows:

1 3 b. The following members, to be appointed by the governor  
1 4 from nominees submitted by volunteer and professional  
1 5 organizations associated with the following:

1 6 (1) Two members who are representatives from municipal  
1 7 police departments.

1 8 (2) Two members who are representatives of sheriff's  
1 9 offices.

1 10 (3) Two members who are representatives from fire  
1 11 departments. One of the members shall be a volunteer fire  
1 12 fighter and the other member shall be a paid fire fighter.

1 13 (4) Two members who are law communication center managers  
1 14 employed by state or local government agencies.

1 15 (5) One at-large member.

1 16 Sec. 2. Section 80.28, Code 2009, is amended by adding the  
1 17 following new subsection:

1 18 NEW SUBSECTION. 2A. In addition to the voting members,  
1 19 the board membership shall include four members of the general  
1 20 assembly with one member designated by each of the following:  
1 21 the majority leader of the senate, the minority leader of the  
1 22 senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the  
1 23 minority leader of the house of representatives. A  
1 24 legislative member serves for a term as provided in section  
1 25 69.16B in an ex officio, nonvoting capacity and is eligible  
1 26 for per diem and expenses as provided in section 2.10.

1 27 Sec. 3. Section 80.28, subsection 3, Code 2009, is amended  
1 28 to read as follows:

1 29 3. ~~Board~~ The voting members of the board shall be  
1 30 appointed in compliance with sections 69.16 and 69.16A.

1 31 Members shall elect a chairperson and vice chairperson from  
1 32 the board membership, who shall serve two-year terms. The  
1 33 members appointed by the governor shall be appointed to  
1 34 three-year staggered terms and the terms shall commence and  
1 35 end as provided by section 69.19. ~~The governor shall solicit~~

~~and consider recommendations from professional or volunteer~~  
~~organizations in making appointments to the board. If a~~

2 3 vacancy occurs among the voting members, a successor shall be  
2 4 appointed to serve the unexpired term. A successor shall be  
2 5 appointed in the same manner and subject to the same  
2 6 qualifications as the original appointment to serve the  
2 7 unexpired term. ~~Members~~ The voting members of the board are

2 8 entitled to receive reimbursement for actual expenses incurred  
2 9 while engaged in the performance of official duties from funds  
2 10 appropriated to the department of public safety and the state  
2 11 department of transportation for that purpose. The  
2 12 departments shall enter into an agreement to provide  
2 13 administrative assistance and support to the board.

2 14 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of

2 15 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment and  
2 16 initially applies to appointments made on or after April 1,  
2 17 2009.

2 18 EXPLANATION

2 19 This bill relates to the membership of the public safety  
2 20 communications interoperability board under Code section  
2 21 80.28. The term "interoperability" means the ability of  
2 22 public safety and public services personnel to communicate and  
2 23 to share data on an immediate basis, on demand, when needed,  
2 24 and when authorized.

2 25 The bill revises requirements for the voting members of the  
2 26 board representing various types of public safety and public  
2 27 services personnel by requiring appointments from nominees  
2 28 submitted by professional and volunteer organizations  
2 29 associated with the personnel. This provision replaces  
2 30 current law which requires the governor to solicit and  
2 31 consider recommendations in making appointments. The bill  
2 32 specifies that one of the two members representing fire  
2 33 departments must be a volunteer fire fighter and the other a  
2 34 paid fire fighter.

2 35 The bill also adds four legislators to serve in an ex  
3 1 officio, nonvoting capacity. The legislators are appointed by  
3 2 legislators to serve two-year terms coinciding with the  
3 3 legislative biennium.

3 4 The bill takes effect upon enactment and initially applies  
3 5 to appointments made on or after April 1, 2009.

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