

**House Study Bill 211 - Introduced**

HOUSE FILE \_\_\_\_\_

BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL BY  
CHAIRPERSON WAGNER)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act restricting the ability of cities and counties to  
2 adopt or enforce certain ordinances relating to residential  
3 property.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 331.302, Code 2011, is amended by adding  
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 17. A county shall not adopt or enforce  
4 an ordinance that creates different classes of persons  
5 within the ordinance to distinguish between persons living in  
6 owner-occupied housing and persons living in rental properties  
7 or that creates different classes of residential property based  
8 on whether the property is owner-occupied or is leased to a  
9 person who does not own the property.

10 Sec. 2. Section 364.3, Code 2011, is amended by adding the  
11 following new subsection:

12 NEW SUBSECTION. 11. A city shall not adopt or enforce an  
13 ordinance that creates different classes of persons within  
14 the ordinance to distinguish between persons living in  
15 owner-occupied housing and persons living in rental properties  
16 or that creates different classes of residential property based  
17 on whether the property is owner-occupied or is leased to a  
18 person who does not own the property.

19 EXPLANATION

20 This bill restricts the ability of cities and counties to  
21 adopt and enforce ordinances which distinguish between persons  
22 living in owner-occupied housing and persons living in rental  
23 properties or which distinguishes residential property based on  
24 whether it is owner-occupied or leased.