

Senate File 15 - Introduced

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BY SODDERS

A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring that the director of the Iowa law enforcement
2 academy be appointed by the governor for a four-year term
3 from nominees selected by the law enforcement academy
4 council and including applicability provisions.
5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 80B.5, Code 2011, is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 **80B.5 Administration.**

4 The administration of this chapter shall be vested in the
5 office of the governor. A director of the academy ~~and such~~
6 shall be appointed by the governor from a slate of nominees
7 submitted to the governor by the Iowa law enforcement academy
8 council. The council shall submit a slate of up to three
9 nominees for the position to the governor for the governor's
10 consideration. The nominees shall be chosen by the affirmative
11 vote of a majority of council members upon the basis of their
12 qualifications and without regard to political affiliation.
13 The slate of nominees may include the current director. The
14 director shall serve for a four-year term beginning on January
15 1 of an even-numbered year in which a general election for the
16 office of governor will not take place. A vacancy in this
17 position shall be filled in the same manner as the original
18 appointee. An appointee filling a vacancy shall serve for
19 the remainder of the original term. Other staff as may be
20 necessary for ~~it~~ the academy to function shall be employed
21 pursuant to the Iowa merit system provisions of chapter 8A,
22 subchapter IV.

23 Sec. 2. POSITION ABOLISHED. The position of the director
24 of the Iowa law enforcement academy, subject to the merit
25 system provisions of chapter 8A, subchapter IV, is abolished on
26 December 31, 2011.

27 Sec. 3. APPLICABILITY. This Act applies to the appointment
28 of the director of the Iowa law enforcement academy for terms
29 beginning on or after January 1, 2012.

30 EXPLANATION

31 Current law provides that the position of director of the
32 Iowa law enforcement academy is a state merit system position.
33 This bill provides that the director is appointed by the
34 governor from a slate of up to three nominees submitted by
35 the Iowa law enforcement academy council. The bill provides

1 that nominees be chosen by the affirmative vote of a majority
2 of council members based on their qualifications and without
3 regard to political affiliation. The bill provides that the
4 council may include the current director in the slate of
5 nominees. The bill provides that the director serves for a
6 four-year term starting on January 1 in each even-numbered year
7 in which a general election for the office of governor will not
8 take place. The bill provides that a vacancy in the position
9 be filled in the same manner as the original appointee, with
10 the new appointee serving for the remainder of the original
11 term.

12 The bill abolishes the merit position of the director of the
13 Iowa law enforcement academy on December 31, 2011.

14 The bill applies to the appointment of the director of the
15 Iowa law enforcement academy for terms beginning on or after
16 January 1, 2012.