

**Senate File 299 - Introduced**

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BY COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 145)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the membership of the board of directors of  
2 a judicial district department of correctional services.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 905.3, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code  
2 2015, is amended by adding the following new subparagraph:

3 NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (4) One ex officio, nonvoting member  
4 shall be chosen from and by the largest statewide public  
5 employees' organization representing state employees no later  
6 than January 15 of each year.

7 Sec. 2. Section 905.3, subsection 2, Code 2015, is amended  
8 to read as follows:

9 2. Each district board shall have an executive committee  
10 consisting of the chairperson and vice chairperson and at least  
11 one but no more than ~~five~~ six other members of the district  
12 board. Either the chairperson or the vice chairperson shall  
13 be a supervisor, and the remaining representation on the  
14 executive committee shall be divided as equally as possible  
15 among supervisor members, project advisory committee members  
16 ~~or~~, citizen members, or ex officio, nonvoting public employee  
17 organization members and judicially appointed members.

18 The executive committee may exercise all of the powers  
19 and discharge all of the duties of the district board, as  
20 prescribed by this chapter, except those specifically withheld  
21 from the executive committee by action of the district board.

22 Sec. 3. Section 905.3, subsection 4, Code 2015, is amended  
23 to read as follows:

24 4. ~~Each~~ Except as provided in subsection 1, paragraph "a",  
25 subparagraph (4), each member of the district board shall  
26 have one vote on the board. However, upon the request of any  
27 supervisory member, the vote on any matter before the board  
28 shall be taken by weighted vote. In each such case, the vote  
29 of the supervisor representative of the least populous county  
30 in the judicial district shall have a weight of one unit, and  
31 the vote of each of the other supervisor members shall have  
32 a weight which bears the same proportion to one unit as the  
33 population of the county that supervisor member represents  
34 bears to the population of the least populous county in the  
35 district. In the event of weighted vote, the vote of each

1 member appointed from a project advisory committee or of each  
2 citizen member and of each judicially appointed member shall  
3 have a weight of one unit.

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EXPLANATION

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The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
6 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

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This bill relates to the membership of the board of directors  
8 of a judicial district department of correctional services.

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The bill adds a member to the board of directors to be  
10 chosen from and by the largest statewide public employees'  
11 organization representing state employees no later than January  
12 15 of each year.

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The bill further increases the number of members who may sit  
14 on the executive committee of the board of directors who are  
15 not the chairperson or vice-chairperson from five members to  
16 six members.

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The bill specifies that the new member added by the bill is  
18 a nonvoting member of the board of directors of the judicial  
19 district department of correctional services and, if appointed  
20 to the executive committee, a nonvoting member of the executive  
21 committee of the district board.