

House File 149 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act concerning membership on the commission for the blind.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 216B.2, Code 2017, is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 **216B.2 Commission created.**

4 1. The commission for the blind is established consisting
5 of ~~three~~ five members appointed by the governor, subject to
6 confirmation by the senate. At least three members of the
7 commission shall be persons who are blind, at least one member
8 shall be a representative of the Iowa council of the united
9 blind, and at least one member shall be a representative of the
10 national federation of the blind of Iowa.

11 2. Members of the commission shall serve three-year terms
12 beginning and ending as provided in [section 69.19](#). The
13 commission shall adopt rules concerning programs and services
14 for blind persons provided under [this chapter](#).

15 3. Commission members shall be reimbursed for actual
16 expenses incurred in performance of their duties. Members may
17 also be eligible to receive compensation as provided in section
18 7E.6. The members of the commission shall appoint officers for
19 the commission. A majority of the members of the commission
20 shall constitute a quorum.

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EXPLANATION

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

24 This bill increases the number of members on the commission
25 for the blind from three to five. In addition, the bill
26 provides that of the five members, at least three shall be
27 blind, at least one shall be a representative of the Iowa
28 council of the united blind, and at least one member shall be a
29 representative of the national federation of the blind of Iowa.