

**House Study Bill 162 - Introduced**

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

BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON  
STATE GOVERNMENT BILL BY  
CHAIRPERSON RIZER)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to local emergency management agencies  
2 designating such agencies as public safety agencies entitled  
3 to voting membership on joint E911 service boards.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 29C.2, subsection 6, Code 2017, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 6. *“Local emergency management agency”* means a countywide  
4 joint county-municipal public safety agency organized to  
5 administer this chapter under the authority of a commission.

6 Sec. 2. Section 34A.2, Code 2017, is amended by adding the  
7 following new subsection:

8 NEW SUBSECTION. 9A. *“Local emergency management agency”*  
9 means the same as defined in section 29C.2.

10 Sec. 3. Section 34A.2, subsection 15, Code 2017, is amended  
11 to read as follows:

12 15. *“Public or private safety agency”* means a unit of state  
13 or local government, a local emergency management agency, a  
14 special purpose district, or a private firm which provides or  
15 has the authority to provide fire fighting, police, ambulance,  
16 emergency medical services, or hazardous materials response.

17 Sec. 4. Section 34A.3, subsection 1, paragraph a,  
18 subparagraph (1), Code 2017, is amended to read as follows:

19 (1) (a) Each political subdivision of the state having  
20 a public safety agency serving territory within the county  
21 is entitled to voting membership on the joint E911 service  
22 board. For the purposes of this section subparagraph division,  
23 a township that operates a volunteer fire department providing  
24 fire protection services to the township, or a city which  
25 provides fire protection services through the operation of a  
26 volunteer fire department not financed through city government,  
27 shall be considered a political subdivision of the state having  
28 a public safety agency serving territory within the county.

29 (b) Each local emergency management agency operating within  
30 the area is entitled to voting membership on the joint E911  
31 service board.

32 (c) Each private safety agency operating within the area is  
33 entitled to nonvoting membership on the board.

34 EXPLANATION

35 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with

1           the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

2       This bill relates to local emergency management agencies.

3       The bill modifies the definition of "local emergency  
4 management agency" in Code section 29C.2(6) by specifying that  
5 such an agency is a public safety agency. The bill adds the  
6 same definition of "local emergency management agency" to Code  
7 section 34A.2, relating to enhanced 911 emergency telephone  
8 systems. The bill modifies the definition of "public or  
9 private safety agency" in Code section 34A.2(15) to include  
10 local emergency management agencies.

11       The bill provides local emergency management agencies with  
12 voting membership on joint E911 service boards, in addition to  
13 political subdivisions served by public safety agencies, as  
14 currently provided in Code section 34A.3(1)(a)(1).