

**Senate File 224 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act modifying membership requirements applicable to the Iowa  
2 utilities board.

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

1 Section 1. Section 474.1, subsection 1, Code 2017, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. a. A utilities division is created within the department  
4 of commerce. The policymaking body for the division is the  
5 utilities board which is created within the division. The  
6 board is composed of ~~three~~ five members appointed by the  
7 governor and subject to confirmation by the senate, not more  
8 than ~~two~~ three of whom shall be from the same political party.  
9 Each member appointed shall serve for six-year staggered terms  
10 beginning and ending as provided by [section 69.19](#). Vacancies  
11 shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term in the  
12 same manner as full-term appointments are made.

13 b. All board member appointments made pursuant to this  
14 section shall comply with sections 69.16, 69.16A, and 69.16C.  
15 In addition, the appointments shall be geographically balanced.

16 EXPLANATION

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

19 This bill modifies membership requirements applicable to the  
20 Iowa utilities board.

21 The bill increases the current number of members of the  
22 board from three to five members and increases the limitation  
23 on the number of members who are permitted to be from the same  
24 political party from two to three members.

25 The bill requires board member appointments to comply with  
26 the political affiliation limitations provided in Code section  
27 69.16, the gender balance requirements provided in Code section  
28 69.16A, and the minority representation requirements provided  
29 in Code section 69.16C. In addition, appointments must be  
30 geographically balanced.