

**House Study Bill 621 - Introduced**

SENATE/HOUSE FILE \_\_\_\_\_  
BY (PROPOSED ETHICS AND  
CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE BOARD  
BILL)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the compensation of the executive director  
2 of the ethics and campaign disclosure board.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 68B.32, subsection 5, Code 2020, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 5. The board shall employ a full-time executive director who  
4 shall be the board's chief administrative officer. The board  
5 shall employ or contract for the employment of legal counsel  
6 notwithstanding [section 13.7](#), and any other personnel as may  
7 be necessary to carry out the duties of the board. The board's  
8 legal counsel shall be the chief legal officer of the board and  
9 shall advise the board on all legal matters relating to the  
10 administration of [this chapter](#) and [chapter 68A](#). The state may  
11 be represented by the board's legal counsel in any civil action  
12 regarding the enforcement of [this chapter](#) or [chapter 68A](#), or at  
13 the board's request, the state may be represented by the office  
14 of the attorney general. Notwithstanding [section 8A.412](#), all  
15 of the board's employees, except for the executive director and  
16 legal counsel, shall be employed subject to the merit system  
17 provisions of [chapter 8A, subchapter IV](#). The salary of the  
18 executive director shall be fixed by the board, within the  
19 range established by the general assembly. The salary of the  
20 legal counsel shall be fixed by the board, within a salary  
21 range established by the department of administrative services  
22 for a position requiring similar qualifications and experience.  
23 If the board's executive director also serves as the board's  
24 legal counsel, the board may, in the board's discretion, award  
25 the executive director additional compensation which shall not  
26 annually exceed fifty percent of the maximum annual salary for  
27 the range established by the general assembly for the board's  
28 executive director position.

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EXPLANATION

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

32 Under current law, the ethics and campaign disclosure board  
33 is required to establish the salary of the board's executive  
34 director within a range designated by the general assembly.

35 This bill allows the board to award the board's executive

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1 director additional compensation which shall not annually  
2 exceed 50 percent of the maximum annual salary for the range  
3 established by the general assembly for the board's executive  
4 director position, if the board's executive director also  
5 serves as the board's legal counsel. Currently, the general  
6 assembly designates the board's executive director position at  
7 salary range 4, with a minimum annual salary of \$63,690, and a  
8 maximum annual salary of \$97,460.