

Senate File 2122 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the classification and reclassification
2 of certain secondary roads, and including applicability
3 provisions.

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

1 Section 1. Section 309.57, subsection 1, Code 2020, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. The county board of supervisors, after consultation with
4 the county engineer, and for purposes of specifying levels of
5 maintenance effort and access, may classify the area service
6 system into three classifications termed area service "A",
7 area service "B", and area service "C". The area service
8 "A" classification roads shall be maintained in conformance
9 with applicable statutes. Area service "B" classification
10 roads may have a lesser level of maintenance as specified by
11 the county board of supervisors, after consultation with the
12 county engineer. Area service "C" classification roads may
13 have restricted access and a minimal level of maintenance as
14 specified by the county board of supervisors after consultation
15 with the county engineer. An area service "C" classification
16 shall apply to the entire portion of a road between the road's
17 access points. The county board of supervisors shall not
18 classify only part of a road between the road's access points,
19 or only a bridge on the road, as area service "C".

20 Sec. 2. APPLICABILITY. All area service "C"
21 classifications in effect on the effective date of this
22 Act that are not in compliance with this Act shall be expanded
23 or reclassified to meet the requirements of this Act on or
24 before January 1, 2021.

25 EXPLANATION

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

28 Under current law, a county board of supervisors, after
29 consultation with the county engineer, and for purposes
30 of specifying levels of maintenance effort and access, may
31 classify an area service system into three classifications
32 termed area service "A", area service "B", and area service
33 "C". Area service "C" classification roads may have restricted
34 access, but must allow access to adjoining landowners, and
35 may have a minimal level of maintenance as specified by the

1 county board of supervisors after consultation with the county
2 engineer. A road with an area service "C" classification
3 retains the classification until such time as a petition
4 for reclassification is submitted to the county board of
5 supervisors. The petition must be signed by one or more
6 adjoining landowners.

7 This bill provides that an area service "C" classification
8 must apply to the entire portion of a road between the
9 road's access points. The bill prohibits a county board of
10 supervisors from classifying as area service "C" only part of a
11 road between the road's access points, or only a bridge on the
12 road.

13 The bill provides that all area service "C" classifications
14 currently in effect that are not compliant with the bill must
15 be expanded or reclassified to meet the requirements of the
16 bill on or before January 1, 2021.