

**House File 2018 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the timetable for preparation of proposed  
2 congressional and legislative redistricting plans by the  
3 legislative services agency.

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

1 Section 1. Section 42.3, subsections 2 and 3, Code 2022, are  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 2. If the bill embodying the plan submitted by the  
4 legislative services agency under [subsection 1](#) fails to be  
5 enacted, the legislative services agency shall prepare a bill  
6 embodying a second plan of legislative and congressional  
7 districting. The bill shall be prepared in accordance with  
8 section 42.4, and, insofar as it is possible to do so within  
9 the requirements of [section 42.4](#), with the reasons cited by  
10 the senate or house of representatives by resolution, or the  
11 governor by veto message, for the failure to approve the plan.  
12 If a second plan is required under [this subsection](#), the bill  
13 embodying it shall be delivered to the secretary of the senate  
14 and the chief clerk of the house of representatives not later  
15 than ~~thirty-five~~ twenty-one days after the date of the vote  
16 by which the senate or the house of representatives fails to  
17 approve the bill submitted under [subsection 1](#), or the date  
18 the governor vetoes or fails to approve the bill. If it is  
19 necessary to submit a bill under [this subsection](#), the bill  
20 shall be brought to a vote not less than seven days after the  
21 bill is submitted and made available to the members of the  
22 general assembly, under a procedure or rule permitting no  
23 amendments except those of a purely corrective nature. It  
24 is further the intent of [this chapter](#) that if the bill is  
25 approved by the first house in which it is considered, it  
26 shall expeditiously be brought to a vote in the second house  
27 under a similar procedure or rule. If the bill embodying the  
28 plan submitted by the legislative services agency under this  
29 subsection fails to be approved by a constitutional majority  
30 in either the senate or the house of representatives, the  
31 secretary of the senate or the chief clerk of the house, as the  
32 case may be, shall transmit to the legislative services agency  
33 in the same manner as described in [subsection 1](#), information  
34 which the senate or house may direct by resolution regarding  
35 reasons why the plan was not approved.

1 3. If the bill embodying the plan submitted by the  
2 legislative services agency under subsection 2 fails to be  
3 enacted, the same procedure as prescribed by subsection 2  
4 shall be followed. If a third plan is required under this  
5 subsection, the bill embodying it shall be delivered to the  
6 secretary of the senate and the chief clerk of the house of  
7 representatives not later than ~~thirty-five~~ twenty-one days  
8 after the date of the vote by which the senate or the house  
9 of representatives fails to approve the bill submitted under  
10 subsection 2, or the date the governor vetoes or fails to  
11 approve the bill. The legislative services agency shall  
12 submit a bill under this subsection sufficiently in advance of  
13 September 1 of the year ending in one to permit the general  
14 assembly to consider the plan prior to that date. If it is  
15 necessary to submit a bill under this subsection, the bill  
16 shall be brought to a vote within the same time period after  
17 its delivery to the secretary of the senate and the chief clerk  
18 of the house of representatives as is prescribed for the bill  
19 submitted under subsection 2, but shall be subject to amendment  
20 in the same manner as other bills.

21 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 concerns the timetable for preparing a second or  
25 third plan of legislative and congressional redistricting by  
26 the legislative services agency following rejection of the  
27 prior plan. The bill provides that a bill embodying a second  
28 or third plan of legislative and congressional redistricting  
29 shall be submitted to the general assembly no less than 21  
30 days, instead of the current 35 days, after the previous plan  
31 of legislative and congressional redistricting fails to be  
32 approved.