

House File 2272 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the location of regular sessions of the
2 general assembly.

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

1 Section 1. Section 2.1, Code 2022, is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 **2.1 Sessions — place.**

4 1. The sessions of the general assembly shall be held
5 annually at the seat of government and as provided in
6 subsection 2, unless the governor shall convene them at some
7 other place in times of pestilence or public danger. Each
8 annual session of the general assembly shall commence on the
9 second Monday in January of each year. The general assembly
10 may recess from time to time during each year in such manner
11 as it may provide, subject to Article III, section 14 of the
12 Constitution of the State of Iowa.

13 2. a. During each regular session of the general assembly,
14 the general assembly shall convene in the following locations,
15 selected by the legislative council:

16 (1) In a city or town located near the eastern border of the
17 state for at least twenty days.

18 (2) In a city or town located near the western border of the
19 state for at least twenty days.

20 (3) In a city or town located near the northern border of
21 the state for at least five days.

22 (4) In a city or town located near the southern border of
23 the state for at least five days.

24 b. Notwithstanding section 2.10, when the general assembly
25 convenes in a location other than the seat of government,
26 members from Polk county shall receive a full per diem.

27 EXPLANATION

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

30 This bill relates to the location of regular sessions of the
31 general assembly. During each regular session of the general
32 assembly, the bill requires the general assembly to convene for
33 at least 20 days each in a city or town near the eastern and
34 western borders of the state and for at least 5 days each in
35 a city or town near the northern and southern borders of the

1 state.