

House Study Bill 659 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE _____

BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
STATE GOVERNMENT BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON KAUFMANN)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act concerning county supervisor representation plans.

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

1 Section 1. Section 331.206, subsection 2, paragraph a, Code
2 2022, is amended to read as follows:

3 a. The plan used under subsection 1 shall be selected by
4 the board or by a special election as provided in section
5 331.207. A plan selected by the board shall remain in effect
6 for at least six years and shall only be changed by a special
7 election as provided in section 331.207. However, a county
8 with a population of sixty thousand or more based on the most
9 recent federal decennial census shall use plan "three" for the
10 election of supervisors.

11 Sec. 2. Section 331.207, subsection 6, Code 2022, is amended
12 by striking the subsection.

13 Sec. 3. TRANSITION PROVISION.

14 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary,
15 a county with a population of sixty thousand or more based on
16 the most recent federal decennial census that does not use
17 plan "three" for the election of supervisors, as defined in
18 section 331.206, as of July 1, 2022, shall not be required to
19 elect supervisors using plan "three" until the election for
20 supervisors in 2024, following the adoption of a representation
21 plan drawn pursuant to section 331.210A, subsection 2,
22 paragraph "f", and the requirements of this section.

23 2. A county required to adopt a representation plan as
24 provided in this section shall establish a temporary county
25 redistricting commission by May 15, 2023, and shall complete a
26 plan, in conformity with the requirements of sections 331.209,
27 331.210, and 331.210A no later than November 1, 2023. The plan
28 shall be submitted to the state commissioner of elections and
29 shall become effective January 1, 2024.

30 EXPLANATION

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

33 This bill requires a county with a population of 60,000
34 or more based on the most recent federal decennial census
35 to use plan "three" for the election of county supervisors.

1 Plan "three" requires individual members of the board of
2 supervisors for that county to be elected from single-member
3 equal-population districts. The bill provides that a county
4 with a population of 60,000 or more as of July 1, 2022, that
5 does not use plan "three" as of that date for the election
6 of supervisors shall not be required to elect supervisors
7 under plan "three" until the election for supervisors in 2024
8 following adoption of a representation plan in conformity with
9 the provisions of law governing the adoption of a plan "three"
10 representation plan.