

House File 2645 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 2529)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the Mississippi river parkway commission.

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

1 Section 1. Section 308.1, subsection 1, Code 2024, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. The Mississippi river parkway planning commission ~~shall~~
4 must be composed of ten members appointed by the governor,
5 ~~five members to be appointed for two-year terms beginning~~
6 ~~July 1, 1959, and five members to be appointed~~ including one
7 member each from Allamakee county, Clayton county, Clinton
8 county, Des Moines county, Dubuque county, Jackson county, Lee
9 county, Louisa county, Muscatine county, and Scott county,
10 for four-year terms ~~beginning July 1, 1959.~~ In addition to
11 the above members there ~~shall~~ must be ~~seven~~ four advisory ex
12 officio members ~~who shall be~~ as follows:

13 a. One member from the state department of transportation
14 ~~commission.~~

15 b. One member from the natural resource commission.

16 c. ~~One member from the state soil conservation and water~~
17 ~~quality committee.~~ One member from the economic development
18 authority, whose primary responsibility includes tourism under
19 section 15.108, subsection 5.

20 d. One member from the state historical society of Iowa.

21 e. ~~One member from the faculty of the landscape~~
22 ~~architectural division of the Iowa state university of science~~
23 ~~and technology.~~

24 f. ~~One member from the economic development authority.~~

25 g. ~~One member from the environmental protection commission.~~

26 Sec. 2. Section 308.1, Code 2024, is amended by adding the
27 following new subsections:

28 NEW SUBSECTION. 1A. The parkway commission shall submit a
29 report regarding the economic impact of the great river road
30 on this state on or before December 15 each year to the general
31 assembly and to the governor.

32 NEW SUBSECTION. 1B. The parkway commission may establish a
33 technical committee to advise the commission. If established,
34 members of the committee must include at least one person
35 each from the departments of transportation and agriculture

1 and land stewardship, from the consumer protection division
2 of the office of the attorney general, and from the economic
3 development authority, designated by the applicable head of the
4 entity. The commission may request any other state agency to
5 designate an employee to serve on the committee.

6 EXPLANATION

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

9 Under current law, the Mississippi parkway planning
10 commission is composed of 10 members appointed by the governor.
11 This bill renames the commission as the Mississippi river
12 parkway commission (MRPC) and requires the 10 members to each
13 reside in a different county adjacent to the Mississippi river
14 in Iowa.

15 Current law requires seven advisory ex officio members
16 to serve on the MRPC, one each from the state transportation
17 commission, the natural resource commission, the state
18 soil conservation and water quality committee, the state
19 historical society of Iowa, the faculty of the landscape
20 architectural division of the Iowa state university of science
21 and technology, the economic development authority, and
22 the environmental protection commission. The bill requires
23 four advisory ex officio members, one member each from the
24 state department of transportation, the natural resource
25 commission, the economic development authority, whose primary
26 responsibility includes tourism, and the state historical
27 society of Iowa.

28 The bill requires the MRPC to submit a report regarding
29 the economic impact of the great river road on Iowa on or
30 before December 15 each year to the general assembly and to
31 the governor. As used in Code chapter 308, the "great river
32 road" means a scenic and recreational highway consisting of a
33 designated system of roads and streets along the Mississippi
34 river in Iowa.

35 The bill authorizes the MRPC to establish a technical

1 committee to advise the MRPC. If established, members of
2 the committee must include at least one person each from
3 the departments of transportation and agriculture and
4 land stewardship, from the consumer protection division of
5 the office of the attorney general, and from the economic
6 development authority, with such member being designated by the
7 applicable head of the entity. The MRPC may also request any
8 other state agency to designate an employee to serve on the
9 committee.