

**House File 281 - Introduced**

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BY COMMITTEE ON LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 116)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act concerning county supervisor representation plans and  
2 including effective date provisions.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 331.206, subsection 2, paragraph a, Code  
2 2023, 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 2023, 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 the effective date of this Act, shall  
19 not be required to elect supervisors using plan "three" until  
20 the election for supervisors in 2024, following the adoption  
21 of a representation plan drawn pursuant to section 331.210A,  
22 subsection 2, paragraph "f", and the requirements of this  
23 section.

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

32 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of immediate  
33 importance, takes effect upon enactment.

34 EXPLANATION

35 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with

1           the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

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

15       The bill takes effect upon enactment.