

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.