## Senate File 11 - Introduced

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## A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to regional representation and residency
- 2 requirements for members of the state transportation
- 3 commission, and including effective date and applicability
- 4 provisions.
- 5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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- 1 Section 1. Section 307A.1A, subsection 1, Code 2023, is
- 2 amended to read as follows:
- 3 l. a. There is created a state transportation commission
- 4 which shall consist of seven members, not more than four of
- 5 whom shall be from the same political party. The governor
- 6 shall appoint the members of the state transportation
- 7 commission for a term of four years beginning at 12:01 a.m.
- 8 on July 1 in the year of appointment and expiring at 12:00
- 9 midnight on June 30 in the year of expiration, subject to
- 10 confirmation by the senate. For each of the seven regions of
- 11 the state, as designated by paragraph "b", the governor shall
- 12 appoint one member to represent the region, and the member
- 13 shall reside in the region.
- 14 b. For purposes of this subsection, the state is divided
- 15 into seven regions, which shall be composed of the following
- 16 counties:
- 17 (1) Region 1 consists of Buena Vista, Calhoun, Cherokee,
- 18 Clay, Dickinson, Emmet, Franklin, Hamilton, Hardin, Humboldt,
- 19 Ida, Kossuth, Lyon, O'Brien, Osceola, Palo Alto, Plymouth,
- 20 Pocahontas, Sac, Sioux, Webster, Woodbury, and Wright counties.
- 21 (2) Region 2 consists of Black Hawk, Bremer, Buchanan,
- 22 Butler, Cerro Gordo, Chickasaw, Fayette, Floyd, Grundy,
- 23 Hancock, Howard, Mitchell, Winnebago, Winneshiek, and Worth
- 24 counties.
- 25 (3) Region 3 consists of Allamakee, Clayton, Clinton,
- 26 Delaware, Dubuque, Jackson, and Scott counties.
- 27 (4) Region 4 consists of Adair, Audubon, Carroll, Cass,
- 28 Crawford, Fremont, Greene, Guthrie, Harrison, Mills, Monona,
- 29 Pottawattamie, and Shelby counties.
- 30 (5) Region 5 consists of Boone, Dallas, Jasper, Madison,
- 31 Mahaska, Marion, Marshall, Polk, Poweshiek, Story, Tama, and
- 32 Warren counties.
- 33 (6) Region 6 consists of Benton, Cedar, Des Moines,
- 34 Henry, Iowa, Johnson, Jones, Lee, Linn, Louisa, and Muscatine
- 35 counties.

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- 1 (7) Region 7 consists of Adams, Appanoose, Clarke, Davis,
- 2 Decatur, Jefferson, Keokuk, Lucas, Monroe, Montgomery, Page,
- 3 Ringgold, Taylor, Union, Van Buren, Wapello, Washington, and
- 4 Wayne counties.
- 5 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 307A.9 Residency requirement —
- 6 resignation from office.
- 7 A member of the commission appointed to represent a region
- 8 of the state, as described in section 307A.1A, subsection 1,
- 9 who no longer resides in the region shall be deemed to have
- 10 resigned from the commission and the vacancy shall be filled
- 11 as described in section 307A.4.
- 12 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of immediate
- 13 importance, takes effect upon enactment.
- 14 Sec. 4. APPLICABILITY AND TRANSITION. This Act applies
- 15 to members of the state transportation commission appointed
- 16 and confirmed on or after the effective date of this Act. The
- 17 first regular term appointment made on or after the effective
- 18 date of this Act shall represent region 1. The second regular
- 19 term appointment made on or after the effective date of
- 20 this Act shall represent region 2. The third regular term
- 21 appointment made on or after the effective date of this Act
- 22 shall represent region 3. The fourth regular term appointment
- 23 made on or after the effective date of this Act shall represent
- 24 region 4. The fifth regular term appointment made on or after
- 25 the effective date of this Act shall represent region 5. The
- 26 sixth regular term appointment made on or after the effective
- 27 date of this Act shall represent region 6. The seventh regular
- 28 term appointment made on or after the effective date of this
- 29 Act shall represent region 7.
- 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 Under current law, the state transportation commission (STC)
- 34 is charged with developing, coordinating, and annually updating
- 35 a comprehensive transportation policy and plan for the state,

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- 1 among other duties.
- 2 This bill requires that for each of the seven regions of the
- 3 state, as designated by the bill, one member of the STC must
- 4 be appointed to represent, and must reside in, each region.
- 5 The bill divides the state into seven regions with each region
- 6 consisting of certain adjoining counties.
- 7 The bill provides that a member appointed to represent a
- 8 region who no longer resides in the region shall be deemed to
- 9 have resigned from the STC and the vacancy shall be filled as
- 10 provided by current law.
- 11 The bill takes effect upon enactment, applies to members of
- 12 the STC appointed and confirmed on or after the effective date
- 13 of the bill, and sets forth transition provisions.