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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to 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 2024, is amended to read as follows:

3 a. The plan used under subsection 1 shall be selected by the
4 board or by a special election as provided in section 331.207.
5 A plan selected by the board shall remain in effect for at
6 least six years and shall only be changed by a special election
7 as provided in section 331.207. However, a county with a
8 population of seventy-five 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 2, Code 2024, is amended
12 to read as follows:

13 2. The petition shall be filed with the county commissioner
14 by June 1 of an odd-numbered year, ~~subject to subsection~~
15 6. The special election shall be held on the first Tuesday
16 in August of the odd-numbered year. Notice of the special
17 election shall be published once each week for three successive
18 weeks in an official newspaper of the county, shall state the
19 representation plans to be submitted to the electors, and shall
20 state the date of the special election. The last in the series
21 of publications shall occur not less than four nor more than
22 twenty days before the election.

23 Sec. 3. Section 331.207, subsection 6, Code 2024, is amended
24 by striking the subsection.

25 Sec. 4. TRANSITION PROVISION.

26 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a
27 county with a population of seventy-five thousand or more based
28 on the most recent federal decennial census that does not use
29 plan "three" for the election of supervisors, as described in
30 section 331.206, as of the effective date of this Act, shall
31 not be required to elect supervisors using plan "three" until
32 the election for supervisors in 2026, following the adoption
33 of a representation plan drawn pursuant to section 331.210A,
34 subsection 2, paragraph "f", and the requirements of this
35 section.

1 2. A county required to adopt a representation plan as
2 provided in this section shall establish a temporary county
3 redistricting commission by the later of thirty days after the
4 effective date of this Act or May 15, 2024, and shall complete
5 a plan, in conformity with the requirements of sections 331.209
6 and 331.210A, no later than November 1, 2024. The plan shall
7 be submitted to the state commissioner of elections and shall
8 become effective January 1, 2025.

9 Sec. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of immediate
10 importance, takes effect upon enactment.

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EXPLANATION

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The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with

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

14 This bill requires a county with a population of 75,000
15 or more based on the most recent federal decennial census
16 to use plan "three" for the election of county supervisors.
17 Plan "three" requires individual members of the board of
18 supervisors for that county to be elected from single-member
19 equal-population districts. The bill provides that a county
20 with a population of 75,000 or more that does not use plan
21 "three" as of the bill's effective date for the election of
22 supervisors is not required to elect supervisors under plan
23 "three" until the election for supervisors in 2026 following
24 adoption of a representation plan in conformity with the
25 provisions of law governing the adoption of a plan "three"
26 representation plan.

27 The bill takes effect upon enactment.