

Senate File 2212 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to local civil rights commissions.

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

1 Section 1. Section 216.19, subsection 2, Code 2024, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 2. A city with a population of twenty-nine thousand, or
4 greater, shall maintain an independent local civil rights
5 agency or commission, consistent with commission rules adopted
6 pursuant to chapter 17A, that is a division or bureau of the
7 executive office. An agency or commission for which a staff is
8 provided shall have control over such staff. A city required
9 to maintain a local civil rights agency or commission shall
10 structure and adequately fund the agency or commission in order
11 to effect cooperative undertakings with the Iowa civil rights
12 commission and to aid in effectuating the purposes of this
13 chapter.

14 Sec. 2. Section 216.19, Code 2024, is amended by adding the
15 following new subsections:

16 NEW SUBSECTION. 9. Any complaint filed with a local agency
17 or commission against a taxing authority shall be referred to
18 and heard by the Iowa civil rights commission.

19 NEW SUBSECTION. 10. A local agency or commission case shall
20 expire after twelve months of the filing date of the complaint
21 to the local agency or commission.

22 EXPLANATION

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

25 This bill relates to local civil rights commissions or
26 agencies. Current law provides that a city with a population
27 of 29,000 is required to establish a local civil rights
28 commission or agency. The bill provides that such an agency
29 or commission shall be a division or bureau of the executive
30 office of the city.

31 The bill also provides that any complaint that is filed
32 with a local commission or agency that is against a taxing
33 authority shall be referred to and heard by the Iowa civil
34 rights commission. The bill provides that a local agency or
35 commission case shall expire after 12 months.