

Senate File 2329 - Introduced

SENATE FILE 2329
BY COMMITTEE ON LOCAL
GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 2212)

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, Code 2024, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsections:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 9. Any complaint filed with a local agency
4 or commission where a party is a political subdivision shall be
5 referred to the Iowa civil rights commission for processing.

6 NEW SUBSECTION. 10. a. A local agency or commission
7 complaint, upon request by any party, shall be transferred
8 to the Iowa civil rights commission for processing if the
9 complaint alleges a violation of this chapter and has not
10 been resolved within twelve months of the filing date of the
11 complaint.

12 b. The local agency or commission shall within three
13 hundred days of the filing date of the complaint do all of the
14 following:

15 (1) Send notice to all parties of a party's right to direct
16 transfer of the complaint to the Iowa civil rights commission
17 from the local agency or commission after twelve months if the
18 complaint alleges a violation of this chapter. The notice
19 shall be sent to all parties by verified mail, or electronic
20 notice if the party is enrolled in electronic notification.

21 (2) Cross file a complaint with the Iowa civil rights
22 commission if the local agency or commission complaint arises
23 from an alleged violation of a state law, rule, or regulation
24 under the jurisdiction of the Iowa civil rights commission.
25 This subparagraph shall not be construed to prohibit a local
26 agency or commission from cross filing a complaint with any
27 other federal or state agency, commission, or entity, if the
28 local agency or commission complaint arises from an alleged
29 violation of a state or federal law, rule, or regulation of a
30 state or federal agency, commission, or entity.

31 NEW SUBSECTION. 11. The term of a commissioner appointed to
32 a local agency or commission shall be for two years.

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EXPLANATION

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

1 This bill relates to local civil rights commissions or
2 agencies.

3 The bill provides that any complaint that is filed with
4 a local commission or agency where a party is a political
5 subdivision shall be referred to the Iowa civil rights
6 commission for processing. The bill provides that a local
7 agency or commission complaint, upon request by any party,
8 shall be transferred to the Iowa civil rights commission for
9 processing if the complaint alleges a violation of the Iowa
10 civil rights Act of 1965 and has not been resolved within 12
11 months of the filing date of the complaint. The bill requires
12 the local agency or commission to within 300 days of the filing
13 date of the complaint: (1) send notice to all parties of the
14 party's right to direct transfer to the Iowa civil rights
15 commission after 12 months by verified mail, or electronic
16 notice, and (2) cross file a complaint with the Iowa civil
17 rights commission if the local agency or commission complaint
18 arises from an alleged violation of a state law, rule, or
19 regulation under the jurisdiction of the Iowa civil rights
20 commission. The bill does not prohibit a local agency or
21 commission from cross filing a complaint with any other federal
22 or state agency, commission, or entity, if the local agency
23 or commission complaint arises from an alleged violation of a
24 state or federal law, rule, or regulation of a state or federal
25 agency, commission, or entity.

26 The bill provides that the term of a commissioner of a local
27 agency or commission is two years.