

**House File 164 - Introduced**

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BY SHIPLEY

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to state sovereignty.

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

unofficial

1 Section 1. Section 1.2, Code 2025, is amended to read as  
2 follows:

3 **1.2 Sovereignty.**

4 The state possesses sovereignty coextensive with the  
5 boundaries referred to in section 1.1, subject to such rights as  
6 may at any time exist in the United States in relation to public  
7 lands, or to any military or naval establishment ~~of the national~~  
8 ~~government.~~

9 **EXPLANATION**

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

12 Under current law, state sovereignty is subject to the  
13 United States' rights to public lands or to an establishment  
14 of the national government. This bill modifies the limits of  
15 state sovereignty to make state sovereignty subject only to the  
16 United States' rights to public lands or to military and naval  
17 establishments.