

House File 2070 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the Mississippi river parkway commission.
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 308.1, subsection 1, Code 2026, is amended
2 to read as follows:

3 1. The Mississippi river parkway planning commission shall
4 must be composed of ten members appointed by the governor, ~~five~~
5 ~~members to be appointed for two-year terms beginning July 1,~~
6 ~~1959, and five members to be appointed including one member~~
7 each from Allamakee county, Clayton county, Clinton county, Des
8 Moines county, Dubuque county, Jackson county, Lee county, Louisa
9 county, Muscatine county, and Scott county, for four-year terms
10 beginning July 1, 1959. In addition, ~~to the above members there~~
11 ~~shall~~ must be seven four advisory, ex officio members ~~who shall~~
12 be as follows:

13 a. One member from the state department of transportation
14 commission.

15 b. One member from the natural resource commission.

16 c. ~~One member from the state soil conservation and water~~
17 ~~quality committee.~~ One member from the economic development
18 authority, whose primary responsibility includes tourism under
19 section 15.108, subsection 5.

20 d. One member from the state historical society of Iowa.

21 e. ~~One member from the faculty of the landscape architectural~~
22 ~~division of the Iowa state university of science and technology.~~

23 f. ~~One member from the economic development authority.~~

24 g. ~~One member from the environmental protection commission.~~

25 Sec. 2. Section 308.1, Code 2026, is amended by adding the
26 following new subsections:

27 NEW SUBSECTION. 1A. The parkway commission shall submit a
28 report regarding the economic impact of the great river road on
29 this state on or before December 15 each year to the general
30 assembly and to the governor.

31 NEW SUBSECTION. 1B. The parkway commission may establish a
32 technical committee to advise the commission. If established,
33 members of the committee must include at least one employee
34 each from the departments of transportation and agriculture and
35 land stewardship, from the consumer protection division of the

1 office of the attorney general, and from the economic development
2 authority, designated by the applicable head of the entity. The
3 commission may request any other state agency to designate an
4 employee to serve on the committee.

5 EXPLANATION

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

8 Under current law, the Mississippi parkway planning commission
9 is composed of 10 members appointed by the governor. This
10 bill renames the commission to the Mississippi river parkway
11 commission (MRPC) and requires the 10 members to each reside in a
12 different county adjacent to the Mississippi river in Iowa.

13 Current law requires seven advisory, ex officio members to
14 serve on the MRPC, one each from the state transportation
15 commission, the natural resource commission, the state soil
16 conservation and water quality committee, the state historical
17 society of Iowa, the faculty of the landscape architectural
18 division of the Iowa state university of science and technology,
19 the economic development authority, and the environmental
20 protection commission. The bill instead requires four advisory,
21 ex officio members, one member each from the state department
22 of transportation, the natural resource commission, the economic
23 development authority, and the state historical society of Iowa.

24 The bill requires the MRPC to submit a report regarding
25 the economic impact of the great river road on Iowa on or
26 before December 15 each year to the general assembly and to the
27 governor. As used in Code chapter 308, "great river road" means
28 a scenic and recreational highway consisting of a designated
29 system of roads and streets along the Mississippi river in Iowa.

30 The bill authorizes the MRPC to establish a technical
31 committee to advise the MRPC. If established, members of
32 the committee must include at least one employee each from
33 the departments of transportation and agriculture and land
34 stewardship, from the consumer protection division of the office
35 of the attorney general, and from the economic development

1 authority, designated by the applicable head of the entity. The
2 MRPC may also request any other state agency to designate an
3 employee to serve on the committee.

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