

House File 2141 - Introduced

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BY COLLINS

A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing an Iowa-Illinois boundary adjustment
2 committee.

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

unofficial

1 Section 1. SHORT TITLE. This Act shall be known and may be
2 cited as the "Iowa-Illinois Boundary Adjustment Act".

3 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. **1.19 Iowa-Illinois boundary adjustment**
4 **committee.**

5 1. The Iowa-Illinois boundary adjustment committee is
6 established for the purpose of discussing and recommending
7 whether to adjust the boundary between the state of Iowa and the
8 state of Illinois by transferring one or more Illinois counties
9 along the Iowa border to the state of Iowa. The committee shall
10 consist of the following members:

11 a. Six individuals from the state of Iowa who are not members
12 of the general assembly and are appointed by the governor. No
13 more than four members appointed under this paragraph shall be
14 members of the same political party.

15 b. Five individuals from the state of Illinois appointed
16 under Illinois law.

17 2. The governor shall notify the governor of the state
18 of Illinois when the governor has appointed members to the
19 committee.

20 3. The governor shall schedule the first meeting of the
21 committee no later than September 1, 2026. At the committee's
22 first meeting, the committee shall elect a chairperson from the
23 members of the committee.

24 4. The committee shall meet at least once each calendar
25 year. The committee may meet more frequently at the call of the
26 chairperson or at the request of a majority of the members of the
27 committee.

28 5. Iowa members shall be appointed to terms of four years.
29 An Iowa member may be reappointed to successive terms. The
30 governor shall fill a vacancy for an Iowa member for the
31 unexpired portion of the term.

32 6. Six members shall constitute a quorum. A quorum is
33 necessary for the committee to take official action but is not
34 required for the committee to meet, take testimony, and hold
35 discussion.

1 7. The governor shall designate an agency of the executive
2 branch to provide administrative assistance to the committee.

3 8. Not later than sixty days after the completion of the
4 committee's duties under this section, the committee shall
5 submit a report to the general assembly and the general
6 assembly of Illinois. The report must include the committee's
7 recommendations, including any legislation recommended by the
8 committee, and a summary of the committee's work.

9 9. The committee is not subject to section 4A.5.

10 10. This section is repealed July 1 following the submission
11 of the committee's required report to the general assembly. The
12 chairperson shall notify the Iowa Code editor when the report is
13 submitted to the general assembly.

14 EXPLANATION

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

17 This bill establishes an Iowa-Illinois boundary adjustment
18 committee to recommend whether the boundary between Iowa and
19 Illinois should be altered by transferring to Iowa one or more
20 Illinois counties along the Iowa border. The committee consists
21 of six members appointed by the governor and five members
22 appointed under Illinois law. Iowa members of the committee
23 serve four-year terms. The committee's first meeting must be
24 scheduled no later than September 1, 2026, and the committee must
25 meet at least once each calendar year. The committee is required
26 to submit a report to the Iowa and Illinois general assemblies
27 upon completion of its duties.