

House File 258 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to regional transit districts.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 28M.2, subsection 1, Code 2025, is amended
2 to read as follows:

3 1. A county with a population in excess of one hundred
4 ~~seventy-five~~ fifty thousand and participating cities may create,
5 by chapter 28E agreement, a regional transit district in the
6 county pursuant to this chapter. Two or more contiguous counties
7 and participating cities may create, by chapter 28E agreement, a
8 regional transit district pursuant to this chapter if one of the
9 counties has a population in excess of one hundred ~~seventy-five~~
10 fifty thousand. A district shall consist of the unincorporated
11 area of any participating county and the incorporated area of any
12 city in the county that does not have an urban transit system.
13 However, a city without an urban transit system may decline, by
14 resolution forwarded to the board of supervisors, to participate
15 in a regional transit district.

16 EXPLANATION

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

19 A regional transit district is a public transit district
20 created pursuant to Code chapter 28E by one or more counties
21 and participating cities to provide support for transportation
22 of passengers by one or more public transit systems that may
23 be designated as a public transit system under Code chapter
24 324A. Under current law, a regional transit district can be
25 created by one or more counties if at least one of the counties
26 has a population in excess of 175,000 and participating cities
27 through a Code chapter 28E agreement. This bill lowers the
28 county population threshold to 150,000 to be able to create a
29 regional transit district with participating cities.