

**House File 2594 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to legislative clerks of members of the house of  
2 representatives.

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

unofficial

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. **2.34 Legislative clerks.**

2 Each member of the house of representatives may hire a  
3 legislative clerk, who shall be under the general direction of  
4 the member and the chief clerk of the house. A legislative  
5 clerk shall be on duty at the house of representatives from 8:00  
6 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, and on other days as  
7 required by the chief clerk of the house, except when excused by  
8 the member for whom the clerk works. A legislative clerk shall  
9 perform such duties as may be assigned to the legislative clerk  
10 by the member or the chief clerk of the house and shall be paid  
11 at a rate determined by the chief clerk of the house.

12 EXPLANATION

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

15 This bill allows each member of the house of representatives  
16 to hire a clerk to work for the member. The bill requires a  
17 clerk hired by a member to be on duty from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30  
18 p.m., Monday through Friday, and on other days as required by the  
19 chief clerk of the house of representatives. The bill requires  
20 the chief clerk to set the rate at which legislative clerks shall  
21 be paid. Currently, members of the house of representatives are  
22 granted the authority to hire clerks by the rules of the chamber,  
23 which require the clerks to be on duty Monday through Thursday  
24 during the legislative session.