

House File 597 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the numbering of bills introduced by the
2 general assembly, and including effective date provisions.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. SHORT TITLE. This Act shall be known and may be
2 cited as the "One Bill, One Number Act".

3 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. **2.34 Numbering of legislative bills**
4 **and resolutions.**

5 1. A bill or resolution, in whatever form, that has been
6 introduced in a chamber of the general assembly and assigned
7 a file number shall retain that file number for the duration
8 of the legislative process and shall not be assigned any other
9 file number, including during consideration by committees and
10 subcommittees and debate in either chamber of the general
11 assembly. A bill or resolution introduced in a chamber shall not
12 receive a number by the chamber other than a file number.

13 2. This section shall not be construed to limit the ability
14 of a legislator, legislative committee, or chamber of the general
15 assembly to amend or substitute a bill or resolution.

16 3. The legislative council and legislative services agency
17 shall adopt policies and procedures as necessary to implement the
18 provisions of this section, including by modifying bill tracking
19 systems and legislative reporting mechanisms.

20 4. It is the intent of the general assembly that this section
21 be liberally construed to provide clarity for legislators and
22 members of the public in tracking bills and participating in
23 state government.

24 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of immediate
25 importance, takes effect upon enactment.

26 EXPLANATION

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

29 This bill requires that a bill or resolution that has
30 been introduced in a chamber of the general assembly and
31 assigned a file number retain that number and be assigned
32 no other file number for the duration of the legislative
33 process. The bill does not limit the ability of legislators,
34 legislative committees, or chambers of the general assembly to
35 amend or substitute a bill or resolution. The bill requires

1 the legislative council and legislative services agency to
2 adopt policies and procedures necessary to implement the bill,
3 including by modifying bill tracking systems and legislative
4 reporting mechanisms. The bill takes effect upon enactment.

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