

House File 895 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 193)

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 thousand~~ and participating cities may create, by
5 chapter 28E agreement, a regional transit district in the county
6 pursuant to this chapter. Two or more contiguous counties and
7 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 ~~thousand~~. A district shall consist of the unincorporated area
11 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 eliminates
28 the county population threshold to be able to create a regional
29 transit district with participating cities.