

House Study Bill 738 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
JUDICIARY BILL BY CHAIRPERSON
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A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to the grounds for removal of a local assessor
- 2 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. Section 441.9, Code 2026, is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 **441.9 Removal of assessor.**

4 The assessor may be removed by a majority vote of the
5 conference board, after charges of misconduct, nonfeasance,
6 malfeasance, ~~or misfeasance in office~~, charges of failing to
7 meet applicable employment standards, or charges of unethical
8 or unlawful conduct are substantiated at a public hearing, if
9 a hearing is demanded by the assessor by written notice served
10 upon the chairperson of the conference board. For purposes
11 of this section, "misconduct" includes but is not limited to
12 knowingly engaging in assessment methods, practices, or conduct
13 that contravene any applicable law, administrative rule, or order
14 of any court or other government authority.

15 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of immediate
16 importance, takes effect upon enactment.

17 EXPLANATION

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

20 This bill modifies Code section 441.9, which governs the
21 grounds for the removal of a local assessor by majority vote of
22 the conference board to specifically include charges of failing
23 to meet applicable employment standards or charges of unethical
24 or unlawful conduct, if substantiated at a public hearing.

25 The bill takes effect upon enactment.