HOUSE FILE 267
BY COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 8)

(As Amended and Passed by the House April 3, 2019)
[= New Language by the House

A BILL FOR

An Act relating to clerks of court, including the number of counties in which a clerk may serve and residency requirements.

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

Section 1. Section 602.1215, subsection 1, Code 2019, is amended to read as follows:

1. Subject to the provisions of section 602.1209, subsection 3, the district judges of each judicial election district shall by majority vote appoint persons to serve as clerks of the district court within the judicial election district. The district judges of a judicial election district may appoint a person to serve as clerk of the district court for more than one ~~but not more than four contiguous counties~~ county in the same judicial district. [To facilitate the delivery of court services in every county, the district judges of a judicial election district shall appoint a person to serve as clerk of the district court in every county in the judicial district, which may be the same person designated as clerk in one or more other counties.] A ~~person does not qualify for appointment to the office of~~ clerk of the district court ~~unless the person is at the time of application a~~ must be a resident of the state within ninety days of appointment. A clerk of the district court may be removed from office for cause by the chief judge of the judicial district, after consultation with the district judges of the judicial election district. Prior to removal, the clerk of the district court shall be notified of the cause for removal.