HOUSE FILE 2475
BY COMMITTEE ON STATE
GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 692)

(COMPANION TO SF 2282 BY
COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT)

(As Amended and Passed by the House March 14, 2022)

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A BILL FOR

An Act providing for the removal of municipal utility board members under specified circumstances and including effective date provisions.

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

[Section 1. Section 388.3, Code 2022, is amended by adding the following new subsections:

NEW SUBSECTION. 4. Any person appointed as a board member of a utility board pursuant to this section may be removed from office by the mayor with the unanimous approval of the city council for any of the following reasons:

a. For any reason enumerated in section 66.1A.

b. For habitual nonattendance of board meetings.

NEW SUBSECTION. 5. A removal pursuant to this section shall begin with a written notice, sent by certified mail to the board member stating the grounds for removal, with a copy of the notice filed with the city clerk. The board member shall be entitled to a public hearing within thirty days of the mailing of the notice, on all issues connected with the removal, unless the board member requests a later date. After the passage of thirty days or after the public hearing described provided by this subsection, the city council shall vote on whether to approve the removal of the board member.

NEW SUBSECTION. 6. The provisions of this section do not apply to a city with a population of more than two hundred thousand according to the 2020 federal decennial census.]

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