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STATE GOVERNMENT

HOUSE FILE 2470
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring the state and political subdivisions to appoint
2 gender-balanced boards, commissions, committees, and councils.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 69.16A, Code 2005, is amended to read
2 as follows:

3 69.16A GENDER BALANCE.

4 All appointive boards, commissions, committees, and
5 councils of the state ~~established-by-the-Code~~ or of a
6 political subdivision if not otherwise provided by law shall
7 be gender balanced. No person shall be appointed or
8 reappointed to any board, commission, committee, or council
9 ~~established-by-the-Code~~ if that appointment or reappointment
10 would cause the number of members of the board, commission,
11 committee, or council of one gender to be greater than one-
12 half the membership of the board, commission, committee, or
13 council plus one if the board, commission, committee, or
14 council is composed of an odd number of members. If the
15 board, commission, committee, or council is composed of an
16 even number of members, not more than one-half of the
17 membership shall be of one gender. If there are multiple
18 appointing authorities for a board, commission, committee, or
19 council, they shall consult each other to avoid a violation of
20 this section. This section shall not prohibit an individual
21 from completing a term being served on June 30, ~~1987~~ 2006.
22 For purposes of this section, "political subdivision" means a
23 city, county, or school corporation.

24 EXPLANATION

25 Under current law, all appointive boards, commissions,
26 committees, and councils of the state established by the Code
27 must be gender balanced. This bill requires all appointive
28 boards, commissions, committees, and councils of the state or
29 of a political subdivision (i.e., a city, county, or school
30 corporation) to be gender balanced.

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