

42.3 Timetable for preparation of plan.

1. Not later than April 1 of each year ending in one, the legislative services agency shall deliver to the secretary of the senate and the chief clerk of the house of representatives identical bills embodying a plan of legislative and congressional districting prepared in accordance with section 42.4. It is the intent of this chapter that the general assembly shall bring the bill to a vote in either the senate or the house of representatives expeditiously, but not less than seven days after the report of the commission required by section 42.6 is received and made available to the members of the general assembly, under a procedure or rule permitting no amendments except those of a purely corrective nature. It is further the intent of this chapter that if the bill is approved by the first house in which it is considered, it shall expeditiously be brought to a vote in the second house under a similar procedure or rule.

2. If the bill embodying the plan submitted by the legislative services agency under subsection 1 fails to be approved by a constitutional majority in either the senate or the house of representatives, the secretary of the senate or the chief clerk of the house, as the case may be, shall at once transmit to the legislative services agency information which the senate or house may direct regarding reasons why the plan was not approved. The legislative services agency shall prepare a bill embodying a second plan of legislative and congressional districting prepared in accordance with section 42.4, and taking into account the reasons cited by the senate or house of representatives for its failure to approve the plan insofar as it is possible to do so within the requirements of section 42.4. If a second plan is required under this subsection, the bill embodying it shall be delivered to the secretary of the senate and the chief clerk of the house of representatives not later than May 1 of the year ending in one, or twenty-one days after the date of the vote by which the senate or the house of representatives fails to approve the bill submitted under subsection 1, whichever date is later. It is the intent of this chapter that, if it is necessary to submit a bill under this subsection, the bill be brought to a vote not less than seven days after the bill is printed and made available to the members of the general assembly, in the same manner as prescribed for the bill required under subsection 1.

3. If the bill embodying the plan submitted by the legislative services agency under subsection 2 fails to be approved by a constitutional majority in either the senate or the house of representatives, the same procedure as prescribed by subsection 2 shall be followed. If a third plan is required under this subsection, the bill embodying it shall be delivered to the secretary of the senate and the chief clerk of the house of representatives not later than June 1 of the year ending in one, or twenty-one days after the date of the vote by which the senate or the house of representatives fails to approve the bill submitted under subsection 2, whichever date is later. It is the intent of this chapter that, if it is necessary to submit a bill under this subsection, the bill be brought to a vote within the same time period after its delivery to the secretary of the senate and the chief clerk of the house of representatives as is prescribed for the bill submitted under subsection 2, but shall be subject to amendment in the same manner as other bills.

4. Notwithstanding subsections 1, 2, and 3 of this section:

a. If population data from the federal census which is sufficient to permit preparation of a congressional districting plan complying with Article III, section 37 of the Constitution of the State of Iowa becomes available at an earlier time than the population data needed to permit preparation of a legislative districting plan in accordance with section 42.4, the legislative services agency shall so inform the presiding officers of the senate and house of representatives. If the presiding officers so direct, the legislative services agency shall prepare a separate bill establishing congressional districts and submit it separately from the bill establishing legislative districts. It is the intent of this chapter that the general assembly shall proceed to consider the congressional districting bill in substantially the manner prescribed by subsections 1, 2, and 3 of this section.

b. If the population data for legislative districting which the United States census bureau is required to provide this state under United States Pub. L. No. 94-171 and, if used by the legislative services agency, the corresponding topologically integrated geographic encoding and referencing data file for that population data, is not available to the legislative services agency on or before February 1 of the year ending in one, the dates

set forth in this section shall be extended by a number of days equal to the number of days after February 1 of the year ending in one that the federal census population data and the topologically integrated geographic encoding and referencing data file for legislative districting becomes available.

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94 Acts, ch 1179, §1, 2; 2003 Acts, ch 35, §44, 49; 2006 Acts, ch 1010, §34