



## HOUSE REPUBLICAN STAFF ANALYSIS

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### Public Hearings and Report for Additional Redistricting Plans

- This bill would amend Iowa Code to require the temporary redistricting advisory commission to conduct one public hearing and submit a report to the legislature for each additional redistricting plan.
- Currently the commission is only required to conduct public hearings and submit a report on the initial redistricting plan.

### Section by Section Analysis

#### Section 1 – Timetable for preparation of plan (Iowa Code 42.3(2))

Amends code to conform the time the legislature shall vote on a second redistricting plan with the report of the temporary redistricting advisory commission.

#### Section 2 – Duties of commission (Iowa Code 42.6(3))

Requires that the temporary redistricting commission shall schedule and conduct at least one public hearing on a 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> plan. Following public hearings the commission shall submit a report within 14 days to the legislature.

Also modernizes the requirements of the public hearings to allow for alternatives to public hearings physically being held in 3 different geographic locations as long as people from different geographic locations are allowed to participate. This is how public hearings were conducted during the pandemic in 2021.