

HOUSE REPUBLICAN STAFF ANALYSIS

Bill:	House File 2466 (HSB 659)	House Committee:	PASSED February 15 (12-11)
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Floor Manager:	Rep. Sexton	Senate Floor:	
Date:	March 15, 2022	Governor:	
Staff:	Jason Covey (1-3626)		

Fixing County Supervisor Candidate Signature Requirements

- Strike after amendment to insert language to correct Iowa Code to apply the signature requirements for candidates for county offices and county supervisor in the same section of code as other elected officials.
- Updates the signature requirements for candidates in supervisor districts with a population of 15,000 or fewer. The new requirement will be 21 signatures from voters of that district.

Section by Section Analysis

Section 1 – Supervisor districts (Iowa Code 331.206(2)(a))

Amends code to require counties with a population of 60,000+ to use plan three for the election of supervisors. Plan three elects supervisors from single-member, equal-population districts elected by voters of that district.

Section 2 – Special election – supervisor districts (Iowa Code 331.207(6))

Strikes the section of code allowing for counties of 60,000+ to change from plan three to plans one or two.

Section 3 – Transition Provision

Counties of 60,000+ who are not using plan three will be required to use plan three for the election of supervisors in 2024. Those counties will be required to establish temporary county redistricting commissions by May 15, 2023 and complete a plan no later than November 1, 2023.

Amendment Analysis

H-8179 by Kaufmann strike after amendment

Section 1 - Signatures required — more than one office prohibited (Iowa Code 43.20)

Strikes the exception to the signature requirement that required candidates for county office to have a different standard for nomination petitions.

Section 2 – Nominations by petition (Iowa Code 45.7(0a))

New paragraph - Updates the signature requirements for candidates in supervisor districts with a population of 15,000 or fewer. The new requirement will be 21 signatures from voters of that district.

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Conforms language for signature requirements for supervisor districts with a population 15,001 to 49,999.

H-8184 by Kaufmann strike after amendment

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Conforms language for signature requirements for supervisor districts with a population 15,001 to 49,999.

Section 4 – EFFECTIVE DAE

This act takes effect upon enactment.

H-8138 by Gjerde

Requires all counties use Plan “three” for the election of county supervisors. Plan “three” is single member districts with equal population that supervisors are elected by voters of their district.