



HOUSE REPUBLICAN STAFF ANALYSIS

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Residency Requirement for State Transportation Commission Members

- Iowa’s Transportation Commission has seven members, with no more than four being of the same political party. The Iowa Code does not mention anything about ensuring all parts of the state are represented.
- House File 585 would divide the state into seven regions, and require the Governor to appoint one member of the Transportation Commission from each region.

Section by Section Analysis

Section 1 (Iowa Code section 307A.1A (1)):

The section amends the Iowa Code provision setting out the membership of the Iowa Transportation Commission. The new language divides the state into seven regions and requires the Governor to appoint one member of the Commission to represent in each region. The commissioner must also reside in the region they are appointed to represent.

The regions are:

Region 1- Buena Vista, Calhoun, Cherokee, Clay, Dickinson, Emmet, Franklin, Hamilton, Hardin, Humboldt, Ida, Kossuth, Lyon, O’Brien, Osceola, Palo Alto, Plymouth, Pocahontas, Sac, Sioux, Webster, Woodbury, and Wright;

Region 2 – Black Hawk, Bremer, Buchanan, Butler, Cerro Gordo, Chickasaw, Fayette, Floyd, Grundy, Hancock, Howard, Mitchell, Winnebago, Winneshiek, and Worth;

Region 3 - Allamakee, Clayton, Clinton, Delaware, Dubuque, Jackson, and Scott;

Region 4 - Adair, Audubon, Carroll, Cass, Crawford, Fremont, Greene, Guthrie, Harrison, Mills, Monona, Pottawattamie, and Shelby;

Region 5 - Boone, Dallas, Jasper, Madison, Mahaska, Marion, Marshall, Polk, Poweshiek, Story, Tama, and Warren;

Region 6 – Benton, Cedar, Des Moines, Henry, Iowa, Johnson, Jones, Lee, Linn, Louisa, and Muscatine;

Region 7 - Adams, Appanoose, Clarke, Davis, Decatur, Jefferson, Keokuk, Lucas, Monroe, Montgomery, Ringgold, Taylor, Union, Van Buren, Wapello, Washington, and Wayne.

NOTE: Applying these regions to the current composition of the Transportation Commission, representation would be:

Region 1 – 1 member

Region 2 - 0 members

Region 3 – 0 members

Region 4 – 0 members

Region 5 – 3 members

Region 6 – 1 member

Region 7 – 2 members

Section 2 (Iowa Code section 307A.9) – Residency Requirement- resignation from office:

The section creates a new code section in chapter 307A, which would provide that if a Transportation Commission member were to move out of the region they are designated to represent, then they are deemed to have resigned from the Transportation Commission.

Section 3 - Effective Date:

The section makes the bill go into effect upon the signature of the Governor.

Section 4 – Applicability and Transition:

The section provides that the current members of the Transportation Commission are not required to resign, but that the regions shall be used as Commissioners' terms expire. When a position comes up for appointment for a full term, then the Governor is required to appoint a member for a specific region. This will start with Region 1 and proceed numerically.