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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for gender balance on local boards, commissions,
2 committees, and councils, and including an applicability
3 provision.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. Section 69.16A, Code 2009, is amended to read
1 2 as follows:
1 3 69.16A GENDER BALANCE.
1 4 1. All appointive boards, commissions, committees, and
1 5 councils of the state established by the Code, if not
1 6 otherwise provided by law, shall be gender balanced. No
1 7 person shall be appointed or reappointed to any board,
1 8 commission, committee, or council established by the Code if
1 9 that appointment or reappointment would cause the number of
1 10 members of the board, commission, committee, or council of one
1 11 gender to be greater than one-half the membership of the
1 12 board, commission, committee, or council plus one if the
1 13 board, commission, committee, or council is composed of an odd
1 14 number of members. If the board, commission, committee, or
1 15 council is composed of an even number of members, not more
1 16 than one-half of the membership shall be of one gender. If
1 17 there are multiple appointing authorities for a board,
1 18 commission, committee, or council, they shall consult each
1 19 other to avoid a violation of this section. This section
~~1 20 shall not prohibit an individual from completing a term being~~
~~1 21 served on June 30, 1987.~~
1 22 2. All appointive boards, commissions, committees, and
1 23 councils of a political subdivision of the state that are
1 24 established by the Code, if not otherwise provided by law,
1 25 shall be gender balanced as provided by subsection 1 unless
1 26 the political subdivision has made a good faith effort to
1 27 appoint a qualified person to fill a vacancy on a board,
1 28 commission, committee, or council in compliance with
1 29 subsection 1 for a period of three months but has been unable
1 30 to make a compliant appointment. In complying with the

1 31 requirements of this subsection, political subdivisions shall
1 32 utilize a fair and unbiased method of selecting the best
1 33 qualified applicants. This subsection shall not prohibit an
1 34 individual whose term expires prior to January 1, 2012, from
1 35 being reappointed even though the reappointment continues an
2 1 inequity in gender balance.

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