

January 30, 1951.  
Elections, Political Districts.

**House File 280**  
By MILLER of Black Hawk  
and SCHWENGEL. (Henningesen.)

Passed House, Date .....  
Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....  
Passed Senate, Date .....  
Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....  
Approved .....

## A BILL FOR

An Act to provide for biennial elections and six-year terms for members of the board of directors in independent school districts which embrace a city having a population of more than fifteen thousand and less than one hundred twenty-five thousand and amend sections two hundred seventy-four point seven (274.7), two hundred seventy-seven point one (277.1), and two hundred seventy-seven point twenty-four (277.24), Code 1950, relating thereto.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

1 Section 1. Section two hundred seventy-four point seven  
2 (274.7), Code 1950, is hereby amended by striking the words "one  
3 hundred twenty-five thousand" in lines seven (7) and eight (8),  
4 and substituting in lieu thereof the words "fifteen thousand".

1 Sec. 2. Section two hundred seventy-seven point one (277.1),  
2 Code 1950, is hereby amended by striking the words "one hundred  
3 twenty-five thousand" in lines eight (8) and nine (9), and sub-  
4 stituting in lieu thereof the words "fifteen thousand".

1 Sec. 3. Section two hundred seventy-seven point twenty-  
2 four (277.24), Code 1950, is hereby amended by striking the words  
3 "one hundred twenty-five thousand" in lines twelve (12) and  
4 thirteen (13), and substituting in lieu thereof the words

5 "fifteen thousand".

1 Sec. 4. The terms of members of school boards of directors,  
2 in independent districts which embrace a city and which have a  
3 population of fifteen thousand and less than one hundred twenty-  
4 five thousand, as said terms exist on the effective date of this  
5 Act shall be altered as follows:

6 1. Those whose terms would expire in March 1952 are  
7 extended to the third Monday in March 1953.

8 2. Those whose terms would expire in March 1953 are extended  
9 to the third Monday in March, 1955.

10 3. Those whose terms would expire in March 1954 are extended  
11 to the third Monday in March 1957.

1 Sec. 5. Whenever an independent district with five directors  
2 embraces a city which attains a population of fifteen thousand  
3 as shown by the latest federal census, two additional members  
4 shall be appointed by the board and the terms of all directors  
5 shall continue to, but cease and determine on the third Monday  
6 in March of the next odd-numbered year. At the regular election  
7 in said year seven directors shall be elected, three for two  
8 years, two for four years, and two for six years.

#### EXPLANATION OF H. F. 280

At present, school districts with a population of 15,000 or more have seven man boards. Districts of over 125,000 elect board members for six-year terms and hold elections biennially.

The proposed bill would extend this provision to all first class cities. It will reduce expenses of elections. It will lend greater continuity to board membership; and give board members in the larger cities a longer term in which to become better acquainted with intricate school problems.

School boards in the cities affected by this bill have endorsed its principles.

The code already makes these provisions for Des Moines. Thus, a minimum of changes in the present statutes is required.