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**House File 430**

By GRASSLEY and EVELAND.

Passed House, Date.....

Passed Senate, Date.....

Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....

Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....

Approved.....

## A BILL FOR

An Act to create a commission on state and local governments.

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

1 Section 1. It is hereby declared to be state public policy  
 2 to do all things possible to strengthen local government  
 3 especially by encouraging greater cooperation and coordination  
 4 among officials of the agencies of the state government,  
 5 cities and towns, and county governments in Iowa.

1 Sec. 2. There is hereby created the Iowa commission on  
 2 state and local governments. Such commission shall consist  
 3 of twelve (12) members as follows: three (3) senators  
 4 appointed by the president of the senate; three (3) representa-  
 5 tives appointed by the speaker of the house; two (2) state  
 6 officials appointed by the governor, two (2) officials of cities  
 7 and towns appointed by the league of Iowa municipalities; and  
 8 two (2) county officials appointed by the state association of  
 9 county officers. Each member shall be appointed for a two (2)  
 10 year term beginning May 1 of each odd-numbered year.

1 Sec. 3. The powers and duties of the commission shall be:

2 1. To systematically study and review state governmental  
 3 assistance and programs to city, town and county governments  
 4 and to make recommendations to the general assembly, the  
 5 governor, state agencies and local governmental units con-  
 6 cerning same.

7 2. To systematically study the statutes relating to city,  
8 town and county governments and to make recommendations to  
9 revise, simplify and clarify these statutes.

10 3. To advise state agencies and city, town and county  
11 officials as to legislative intent on legislation enacted  
12 affecting local governments.

13 4. To encourage cooperation and coordination among officials  
14 of state agencies, cities, towns and counties.

15 5. To report its findings to the governor and general  
16 assembly by December 1 of each even-numbered year.

1 Sec. 4. The commission shall select its officers and pre-  
2 scribe its rules of procedure. It shall be empowered to call  
3 upon any state department for information and assistance, to  
4 employ clerical assistance, and may be provided staff assistance  
5 by the legislative research committee.

6 The executive council shall provide the commission with  
7 necessary office supplies and equipment.

1 Sec. 5. Commission members shall be reimbursed for actual  
2 and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their  
3 duties. There is hereby appropriated from the liquor control  
4 act fund a sum not to exceed ten thousand (10,000) dollars  
5 annually to pay the expenses of the commission, including  
6 clerical salaries and the cost of supplies and equipment.

7 Such expenditures shall be paid, upon the approval of the  
8 commission chairman, by the state comptroller from the liquor  
9 control act fund.

1 Sec. 6. This Act being deemed of immediate importance,  
2 shall be in full force and effect from and after publication  
3 in the ....., a newspaper published at

4 ..... , Iowa, and in the .....

5 a newspaper published at ..... , Iowa.

EXPLANATION OF HOUSE FILE 430

This bill would provide for a commission comprised of legislators, state officials and municipal and county officials to encourage greater cooperation and coordination in providing governmental services.

The commission would study statutes relating to (a) local government and (b) state-municipal-county relationships and make recommendations to the legislature concerning these laws. It would work with and advise state, municipal and county officials concerning intergovernmental administrative arrangements and problems.

In the future development of Iowa, it will be important that local governments be strengthened and that intergovernmental cooperation be good. A commission on state and local government would be helpful in this respect.

Former Governor Erbe and Governor Hughes have recommended to the legislature that such a commission be established.