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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act pertaining to the required percentage of customers voting  
2 in favor of approving or discontinuing extended area service  
3 for local telecommunications service.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 476.29, subsection 14, Code 2001, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 14. This section does not prevent the board from adopting  
4 rules requiring or allowing local exchange utilities to  
5 provide extended area service or adjacent exchange service.  
6 However, such rules shall provide that a simple majority of  
7 the customers returning ballots pursuant to an extended area  
8 service survey is all that shall be required for approval or  
9 discontinuance of extended area service.

10 EXPLANATION

11 This bill amends Code section 476.29, regarding  
12 certificates for the provision of local exchange service for  
13 telecommunications. The bill requires that any rules adopted  
14 by the utilities board pertaining to extended area service  
15 shall require only a simple majority of the customers  
16 returning ballots for approval or discontinuance of such  
17 service areas. Current administrative rules 199 IAC 22.8(3)  
18 and 22.8(5) require 65 percent of the customers returning  
19 ballots to vote in favor of approval or discontinuance of  
20 extended area service.

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