

**House File 2141 - Introduced**

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BY COLLINS

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act establishing an Iowa-Illinois boundary adjustment  
2 committee.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. SHORT TITLE. This Act shall be known and may be  
2 cited as the "Iowa-Illinois Boundary Adjustment Act".

3 Sec. 2. **NEW SECTION. 1.19 Iowa-Illinois boundary adjustment**  
4 **committee.**

5 1. The Iowa-Illinois boundary adjustment committee is  
6 established for the purpose of discussing and recommending  
7 whether to adjust the boundary between the state of Iowa and  
8 the state of Illinois by transferring one or more Illinois  
9 counties along the Iowa border to the state of Iowa. The  
10 committee shall consist of the following members:

11 a. Six individuals from the state of Iowa who are not  
12 members of the general assembly and are appointed by the  
13 governor. No more than four members appointed under this  
14 paragraph shall be members of the same political party.

15 b. Five individuals from the state of Illinois appointed  
16 under Illinois law.

17 2. The governor shall notify the governor of the state  
18 of Illinois when the governor has appointed members to the  
19 committee.

20 3. The governor shall schedule the first meeting of the  
21 committee no later than September 1, 2026. At the committee's  
22 first meeting, the committee shall elect a chairperson from the  
23 members of the committee.

24 4. The committee shall meet at least once each calendar  
25 year. The committee may meet more frequently at the call of  
26 the chairperson or at the request of a majority of the members  
27 of the committee.

28 5. Iowa members shall be appointed to terms of four years.  
29 An Iowa member may be reappointed to successive terms. The  
30 governor shall fill a vacancy for an Iowa member for the  
31 unexpired portion of the term.

32 6. Six members shall constitute a quorum. A quorum is  
33 necessary for the committee to take official action but is not  
34 required for the committee to meet, take testimony, and hold  
35 discussion.

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1      7. The governor shall designate an agency of the executive  
2 branch to provide administrative assistance to the committee.

3     8. Not later than sixty days after the completion of the  
4 committee's duties under this section, the committee shall  
5 submit a report to the general assembly and the general  
6 assembly of Illinois. The report must include the committee's  
7 recommendations, including any legislation recommended by the  
8 committee, and a summary of the committee's work.

9 9. The committee is not subject to section 4A.5.

10 10. This section is repealed July 1 following the submission  
11 of the committee's required report to the general assembly.  
12 The chairperson shall notify the Iowa Code editor when the  
13 report is submitted to the general assembly.

## EXPLANATION

15 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
16 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

17 This bill establishes an Iowa-Illinois boundary adjustment  
18 committee to recommend whether the boundary between Iowa and  
19 Illinois should be altered by transferring to Iowa one or  
20 more Illinois counties along the Iowa border. The committee  
21 consists of six members appointed by the governor and five  
22 members appointed under Illinois law. Iowa members of the  
23 committee serve four-year terms. The committee's first meeting  
24 must be scheduled no later than September 1, 2026, and the  
25 committee must meet at least once each calendar year. The  
26 committee is required to submit a report to the Iowa and  
27 Illinois general assemblies upon completion of its duties.