

**8A.221 IowAccess advisory council established — duties — membership.**

1. *Advisory council established.* An IowAccess advisory council is established within the department for the purpose of creating and providing a service to the citizens of this state that is the gateway for one-stop electronic access to government information and transactions, whether federal, state, or local. Except as provided in [this section](#), IowAccess shall be a state-funded service providing access to government information and transactions. The department, in establishing the fees for value-added services, shall consider the reasonable cost of creating and organizing such government information through IowAccess.

2. *Duties.*

a. The advisory council shall do all of the following:

(1) Recommend to the technology governance board rates to be charged for access to and for value-added services performed through IowAccess.

(2) Recommend to the director the priority of projects associated with IowAccess. The recommendation may also include a recommendation concerning funding for a project proposed by a political subdivision of the state or an association, the membership of which is comprised solely of political subdivisions of the state. Prior to recommending a project proposed by a political subdivision, the advisory council shall verify that all of the following conditions are met:

(a) The proposed project provides a benefit to the state.

(b) The proposed project, once completed, can be shared with and used by other political subdivisions or the state, as appropriate.

(c) The state retains ownership of any final product or is granted a permanent license to the use of the product.

(3) Recommend to the director expected outcomes and effects of the use of IowAccess and determine the manner in which such outcomes are to be measured and evaluated.

(4) Review and recommend to the director the IowAccess total budget request and ensure that such request reflects the priorities and goals of IowAccess as established by the advisory council.

(5) Review and recommend to the director all rules to be adopted by the department that are related to IowAccess.

(6) Advocate for access to government information and services through IowAccess and for data privacy protection, information ethics, accuracy, and security in IowAccess programs and services.

(7) Receive status and operations reports associated with IowAccess.

(8) Other duties as assigned by the director.

b. The advisory council shall also advise the director with respect to the operation of IowAccess and encourage and implement access to government and its public records by the citizens of this state.

c. The advisory council shall serve as a link between the users of public records, the lawful custodians of such public records, and the citizens of this state who are the owners of such public records.

d. The advisory council shall ensure that IowAccess gives priority to serving the needs of the citizens of this state.

3. *Membership.*

a. The advisory council shall be composed of fourteen members including the following:

(1) Five persons appointed by the governor representing the primary customers of IowAccess.

(2) Five persons representing lawful custodians as follows:

(a) One person representing the judicial branch as designated by the chief justice of the supreme court.

(b) One person representing the executive branch as designated by the governor.

(c) One person to be appointed by the governor representing cities who shall be actively engaged in the administration of a city.

(d) One person to be appointed by the governor representing counties who shall be actively engaged in the administration of a county.

(e) One person to be appointed by the governor representing the federal government.

(3) Four members to be appointed by the governor representing a cross section of the citizens of the state.

b. Members appointed by the governor are subject to confirmation by the senate and shall serve four-year staggered terms as designated by the governor. The advisory council shall annually elect its own chairperson from among the voting members of the council. A majority of the voting members of the council constitutes a quorum. Members appointed by the governor are subject to the requirements of [sections 69.16, 69.16A, and 69.19](#). Members appointed by the governor shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred in performance of their duties. Such members may also be eligible to receive compensation as provided in [section 7E.6](#).

4. *Information sharing.* The advisory council shall allow representatives of the senate, house of representatives, legislative services agency, and office of citizens' aide to provide information to and seek information from the advisory council.

5. *Data purchasing.* [This section](#) shall not be construed to impair the right of a person to contract to purchase information or data from the Iowa court information system or any other governmental entity. [This section](#) shall not be construed to affect a data purchase agreement or contract in existence on April 25, 2000.

2003 Acts, ch 145, §24; 2004 Acts, ch 1101, §3; 2004 Acts, ch 1108, §1; 2005 Acts, ch 90, §5; 2005 Acts, ch 179, §142; 2008 Acts, ch 1156, §10, 58; 2008 Acts, ch 1184, §32

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Confirmation, §2.32