

## CHAPTER 351

## HIGHWAY INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE

S. J. R. 9

A JOINT RESOLUTION creating a special committee to investigate the primary and secondary road problems of Iowa and to recommend a program of improvement and maintenance of both primary and secondary roads and means of financing such program, defining the powers and duties of said committee, and providing for payment of the expense of said committee.

WHEREAS, an adequate system of improved highways, both primary and secondary, is a paramount necessity of the people of the State of Iowa, and

WHEREAS, any highway improvement program necessarily extends over a considerable period of years and requires large sums of money in its execution, and

WHEREAS, the proper repair and maintenance of such highway system is of vital importance to render the maximum of service from the funds expended for such highway improvements, and

WHEREAS, it is apparent that the General Assembly should have available for its consideration the facts concerning the primary and secondary roads of Iowa and the finances relating thereto,

Now, THEREFORE,

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

1 SECTION 1. A special committee of twelve (12) members is hereby  
2 created. Said committee shall consist of four (4) members of the  
3 Senate of the 52nd General Assembly to be appointed by the President  
4 of the Senate, four (4) members of the House of Representatives  
5 of the 52nd General Assembly, to be appointed by the Speaker of  
6 the House of Representatives, and four (4) citizens of the State  
7 of Iowa to be appointed by the Governor. Not more than three of  
8 the members of said committee appointed respectively by the Governor,  
9 the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Repre-  
10 sentatives shall be members of the same political party. Any vacancy in  
11 the membership of the committee shall be filled by appointment in  
12 the same manner, by the same official, and from the same group as  
13 the original appointment. The committee shall choose a chairman  
14 from its members and shall adopt rules for the conduct of its  
15 proceedings.

1 SECTION 2. It shall be the duty of said committee to make a compre-  
2 hensive study of the primary and secondary road problems of  
3 the State of Iowa, and the financial problems relating thereto.

4 To that end, the committee shall make a study of the present and  
5 probable future traffic on the highways, investigate the present state  
6 of improvement of the highways, formulate a program for the future  
7 construction or reconstruction of the highways as the committee may  
8 deem necessary or desirable, study the problem of the repair and  
9 maintenance of the highways, and consider the matter of the safety

10 of traffic on the highways and the elimination of traffic hazards.  
11 The committee shall also make a comprehensive study of primary  
12 and secondary road finances for both construction and maintenance  
13 work, and shall suggest ways and means for providing any additional  
14 funds which the committee may deem necessary.

1 SECTION 3. The committee shall have the cooperation of the state  
2 highway commission and its staff in the performance of the duties  
3 herein imposed, and is authorized to call on any department of the  
4 state government for assistance in obtaining information deemed  
5 useful to the committee.

1 SECTION 4. The committee shall have access to all public records  
2 pertaining to highways, including expenditures and taxes therefor,  
3 and shall be given the cooperation of all public officials. The committee  
4 may hold public hearings as it may deem proper, and may consult  
5 with the U. S. Public Roads Administration or with the highway  
6 authorities of any state.

7 The committee shall generally have all the powers of a legislative  
8 committee or of a joint legislative committee. The chairman or any  
9 member of the committee shall have power to administer oaths.

1 SECTION 5. The committee shall enter into its duties as soon as the  
2 membership has been appointed. It shall make a report including  
3 drafts of proposed bills, to the Governor, on or before November 15,  
4 1948. Upon the making of its said report to the Governor, the com-  
5 mittee shall stand discharged of its duties hereunder. The Governor  
6 shall cause to be printed the necessary number of copies of said  
7 report and shall mail copies of said printed report to the elected  
8 members of the 53rd General Assembly on or before December 15,  
9 1948.

1 SECTION 6. The committee is hereby empowered to employ a secre-  
2 tary and such other employees as are necessary for the proper conduct  
3 of the business of the committee, and to fix the compensation of such  
4 employees. All members of the committee shall be reimbursed for  
5 the actual and necessary expenses incurred by them in the discharge of  
6 their duties. Members of the committee appointed by the Governor  
7 shall receive a compensation of ten dollars (\$10.00) per day for  
8 days actually engaged in work of the committee. Legislative members  
9 of the committee shall receive as compensation such amounts as the  
10 53rd General Assembly may allow.

11 The executive council shall provide the committee with a suitable  
12 office and with necessary office supplies and equipment for the conduct  
13 of its business.

1 SECTION 7. The compensation and expense of committee members  
2 and employees, the cost of office supplies and other expenses of the com-  
3 mittee incurred in the performance of the duties herein imposed, and  
4 the cost of printing the committee's report, but not exceeding twenty  
5 thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) in total amount, shall be paid by the  
6 state highway commission out of the primary road fund. The sum  
7 of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) or so much thereof as may  
8 be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of the primary road fund  
9 for the purposes herein contemplated.

10 The chairman of the committee shall certify the expenses of the  
 11 committee as herein provided, to the state highway commission. Upon  
 12 certification thereof, such expenses shall be paid by the state highway  
 13 commission in the same manner as other expenses of the state highway  
 14 commission.

1 SECTION 8. This Resolution being deemed of immediate importance,  
 2 shall be in full force and effect upon its publication in the Villisca  
 3 Review, a newspaper published in Villisca, Iowa, and the Davis County  
 4 Republican, a newspaper published in Bloomfield, Iowa.

Approved April 16, 1947.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the Villisca Review, April 24,  
 1947, and the Davis County Republican, April 22, 1947.

ROLLO H. BERGESON, *Secretary of State.*

## CHAPTER 352

### BUILDING CODE COUNCIL

#### S. J. R. 3

A JOINT RESOLUTION providing for the appointment of a state building code council by the governor to prepare a modern and uniform state building code establishing minimum standards for buildings to be used by the public together with a proposed revision and codification of the laws of Iowa relating to building construction, providing for the scope of the work of the council, providing for a report of the council to the governor, and making an appropriation to carry out the provisions of the resolution.

WHEREAS, the life, health, safety and economy of the citizens of the State of Iowa are affected by and depend upon safe and sound construction; and

WHEREAS, the State of Iowa through acts of the legislature and municipalities through city ordinances, have endeavored to protect citizens through the adoption of laws, regulations and codes; and

WHEREAS, the present statutes concerning building construction and building codes of most cities contain numerous conflicts, uncertainties and omissions which are detrimental to and interfere with safe, sound, healthful, efficient and economic construction; and

WHEREAS, greater economy and safety can be effected by the availability of a modern and uniform code for the entire State of Iowa; and

WHEREAS, there is urgent need for minimum standards of practice and construction for public buildings to alleviate particularly fire hazards and losses; and

WHEREAS, all new developments in the methods, materials and technical knowledge related to building construction should be utilized to full advantage in the expenditure of public funds; and

WHEREAS, there will be a large amount of building construction for public and private use in the postwar period; now therefor,\*

\*According to enrolled act.