

## JOINT RESOLUTIONS

### CHAPTER 308

#### MUNICIPAL STATUTES STUDY COMMITTEE

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A JOINT RESOLUTION creating a special committee to review and codify the laws of Iowa relating to the financing and construction of public improvements within incorporated municipalities and the conduct of municipal business and to recommend such changes in municipal laws as are considered necessary to enable municipal officials to perform their various duties more efficiently, defining the powers and duties of said committee, and providing for payment of the expense of said committee.

WHEREAS, the laws of Iowa relating to the financing and construction of public improvements within incorporated municipalities and other laws, relating to the conduct of the business of municipalities are complicated, and in many instances confusing, obscure, and contradictory, and

WHEREAS, municipal officials are handicapped in conducting the business of the municipalities by the highly technical, ambiguous and involved procedure required in connection with the construction of public improvements, and

WHEREAS, the public is penalized through higher costs of public improvements that result from the delays and uncertainties incident to the prescribed method of constructing and financing such improvements,

##### NOW THEREFORE

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

1 SECTION 1. A special committee of six (6) members is hereby  
2 created. Said committee shall consist of two (2) members of the  
3 53rd General Assembly to be appointed by the president of the senate,  
4 two (2) members of the house of representatives of the 53rd General  
5 Assembly to be appointed by the speaker of the house of representa-  
6 tives, and two (2) citizens of the state of Iowa to be appointed by  
7 the governor. Any vacancy in the membership of the committee shall  
8 be filled by appointment in the same manner, by the same official, and  
9 from the same group as the original appointment. The committee  
10 shall choose a chairman from its members and shall adopt rules for  
11 the conduct of its proceedings.

1 SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the committee to make a compre-  
2 hensive study of the laws relating to the construction and financing  
3 of public improvements within municipalities, and other laws relating  
4 to the conduct of the business of the municipalities, and to make  
5 such recommendations as it sees fit as to the codification, simplifi-  
6 cation, and modification of such laws to the end that the business of  
7 municipalities may be more expeditiously and more efficiently con-  
8 ducted.

1 SEC. 3. The committee shall have the cooperation of the attorney  
2 general and his staff in the performance of the duties herein imposed,

3 and is authorized to call upon any department of the state govern-  
4 ment in obtaining information deemed useful to the committee.

1 SEC. 4. The committee shall confer with municipal officials and  
2 with associations of municipal officials to the end that committee  
3 members may fully acquaint themselves with the problems of municipi-  
4 pal administration under existing laws, and may receive and consid-  
5 er the recommendations of such officials as to changes or amend-  
6 ments that are considered desirable in such laws.

1 SEC. 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 1950. 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 54th General Assembly on or before December  
9 15, 1950.

1 SEC. 6. The committee is hereby empowered to employ a secre-  
2 tary and such other employees and assistants as are necessary for  
3 the proper conduct of the business of the committee, and to fix the  
4 compensation of such employees. All members of the committee  
5 shall be reimbursed for the actual and necessary expenses incurred  
6 by them in the discharge of their duties. Members of the committee  
7 appointed by the governor shall receive a compensation of twenty  
8 dollars (\$20.00) per day for days actually engaged in work of the  
9 committee. Legislative members of the committee shall receive as  
10 compensation such amounts as the 54th 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 SEC. 7. The compensation and expense of committee members  
2 and employees, the cost of office supplies and other expenses of the  
3 committee incurred in the performance of the duties herein imposed,  
4 and the cost of printing the committee's report, but not exceeding  
5 fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) in total amount, shall be paid  
6 by the State Comptroller out of the General Fund of the State. The  
7 sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) or so much thereof as  
8 may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of the General Fund of  
9 the State 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 comptroller who shall issue  
12 warrants for the same from funds heretofore appropriated.

1 SEC. 8. This Joint Resolution being deemed of immediate impor-  
2 tance shall be in full force and effect from and after publication in  
3 the Sibley Gazette-Tribune, a newspaper published at Sibley, Iowa,  
4 and The Northwood Anchor & Index, a newspaper published at  
5 Northwood, Iowa.

Approved May 5, 1949.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the Sibley Gazette-Tribune,  
May 19, 1949, and in The Northwood Anchor & Index, May 19, 1949.

MELVIN D. SYNHORST, *Secretary of State.*