

CHAPTER 309

ELECTION AND ELECTION PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE

H. J. R. 23

A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing a joint bipartisan committee to be created and known as an election and election privileges committee, establishing its powers and duties and to make a report to the Fifty-eighth General Assembly.

WHEREAS, in the public interest it is imperative that the elections and election activities in Iowa continue to represent the highest form of honesty, integrity and ethical conduct; and

WHEREAS, in the public interest the election laws of this state may need simplification and modernization in order to enable full participation in the election of public officials by the electors; and

WHEREAS, the present laws relating to political parties, political activities and procedures relating to the conduct of elections within this state are in need of study and may be susceptible to improvement through revisions or corrective legislation; NOW THEREFORE

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

1 SECTION 1. A joint bipartisan committee of six (6) members of
2 the House of Representatives and Senate of the Fifty-seventh General
3 Assembly is hereby created to be known as the election and election
4 privileges committee. Said committee shall consist of three (3) mem-
5 bers of the Senate to be appointed by the president of the Senate, two
6 (2) from the majority party and one (1) from the minority party,
7 and three (3) members of the House of Representatives, two (2) from
8 the majority party and one (1) from the minority party, to be ap-
9 pointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, who shall
10 serve until the next regular session of the General Assembly. Any
11 vacancy in the membership of the committee shall be filled by the
12 appointment from the representative body to which such member of
13 the committee belong by the president of the Senate or the Speaker of
14 the House, as the case may be.

1 SEC. 2. The committee shall have full power and authority during
2 the session of the Fifty-seventh General Assembly, and following its
3 adjournment to investigate, inquire into and examine into all matters
4 relating but not limited to a study of the question of revision and im-
5 provement of existing laws governing elections, political party organ-
6 izations, and committees, political campaign activities and funds and
7 to make a written report and recommendations thereon to the Fifty-
8 eighth General Assembly.

1 SEC. 3. The committee shall be appointed as promptly as possible
2 after the enactment of this measure and shall organize as soon there-
3 after as possible. The committee shall choose a chairman from its
4 members, adopt rules for the conduct of its proceedings as necessary
5 for the proper conduct of the business of the committee. The commit-
6 tee may hold public or private hearings; it is hereby authorized and
7 empowered to summon and subpoena witnesses from any place within
8 the state of Iowa and compel the production of books, documents or
9 papers pertaining to its inquiry, and to compel the attendance of wit-

10 nesses in any place within the state of Iowa where said committee may
11 deem it advisable to hold hearings; it may take testimony under oath
12 and may take the testimony of witnesses outside of the state; that any
13 person refusing to answer to a subpoena or refusing to give testimony
14 may be punished for contempt in the manner provided by the laws of
15 Iowa. The committee shall have access to all public records and shall
16 be given the cooperation of all public officials and shall generally have
17 all the powers of a legislative committee or of a joint legislative com-
18 mittee, and any member of the committee shall have power to admin-
19 ister oaths at hearings. The committee may at any time or from time
20 to time be divided into subcommittees of two or more members, at
21 least one from each political party, the said committee or any of said
22 subcommittees having the power to hold hearings and conduct inquir-
23 ies in any part of the state. The committee is authorized to call upon
24 the Attorney General and his staff for assistance in such hearings and
25 inquiries as the committee may deem necessary, and is authorized to
26 call upon any department of the state government for assistance.
27 Members of the committee shall receive as compensation such amounts
28 as the Fifty-eighth General Assembly may allow. The committee is
29 authorized to employ such legal counsel and investigators and other
30 personnel as it finds necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act,
31 and the budget and financial control committee is hereby authorized
32 to provide sufficient funds out of the contingent fund in its hands for
33 the payment of the services and expenses of such persons upon the
34 certification thereof by a majority of said committee.

1 SEC. 4. This resolution being deemed of immediate importance
2 shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publi-
3 cation in the Garner Leader and Signal, a newspaper published at
4 Garner, Iowa, and in the Belmond Independent, a newspaper published
5 at Belmond, Iowa.

Approved April 30, 1957.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Act, House Joint Resolution 23, was published in the Garner Leader and Signal, Garner, Iowa, May 8, 1957, and in the Belmond Independent, Belmond, Iowa, May 9, 1957.

MELVIN D. SYNHORST, *Secretary of State.*

CHAPTER 310

INSTITUTIONS STUDY COMMITTEE

H. J. R. 24

A JOINT RESOLUTION creating a special joint committee for the purpose of studying the problem of obtaining qualified professional personnel for board of control institutions and observing the sufficiency and adequacy of the legislation relating thereto.

WHEREAS, the joint special committee of the appropriations committee studying the needs of board of control institutions has advised the general assembly of urgent and serious special problems confronting the board of control with respect to obtaining professional staff, particularly medical doctors, psychiatrists, psychiatric nurses, and psychologists for board of control institutions; and