

53 of the state university of Iowa and the attorney general. If a county
 54 has paid any part of such patient's care a pro rata part of the amount
 55 collected, after deduction for cost of collection, shall be remitted to said
 56 county and the balance shall go into the sanatorium fund."

57 4. "All of the sanatorium land, buildings, and facilities heretofore
 58 comprising the sanatorium premises and no longer required therefor
 59 under the plan adopted by the state board of regents to carry out the
 60 provisions of this Act shall become a part of the campus of the state
 61 university of Iowa. All of the powers vested in the state board of
 62 regents by chapter two hundred sixty-two (262) of the Code, as
 63 amended, shall apply to these premises.

64 5. "All funds held by the sanatorium or to which it is entitled as of
 65 the effective date of this Act shall be transferred and paid to the
 66 treasurer of the state university of Iowa. All funds of the sanatorium
 67 thereafter shall be administered through the office of the treasurer of
 68 the state university of Iowa and accounted for and paid out under
 69 procedures established by the state board of regents."

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CHAPTER 239

MERGER OF COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEMS

H. F. 553

AN ACT relating to the county school system and to amend section two hundred seventy-three point thirteen (273.13), Code 1962, so as to provide for levying of a tax upon all territory included within a county school system, and to further amend chapter two hundred seventy-three (273), Code 1962, by adding a new section providing for merger of county school systems.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section two hundred seventy-three point thirteen
 2 (273.13), Code 1962, is amended by striking all of subsection ten
 3 (10) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

4 "At the regular or special meeting held between July 1 and July 15,
 5 consider the budget as submitted by the county superintendent, and
 6 certify to the county auditor the estimates of the amounts needed.
 7 Such estimates shall follow the budget procedure under chapter 24.
 8 The boards or board of supervisors of the county or counties, territory
 9 which comprises the territory of the county school system, shall
 10 levy a tax on all the taxable property in the county school system for
 11 the amount certified."

1 SEC. 2. Chapter two hundred seventy-three (273), Code 1962, is
 2 amended by adding the following new section:

3 "County boards of education, in any two or more adjacent counties,
 4 may, by the concurrent action of the respective boards of directors at
 5 their regular meetings in July, or at special meetings thereafter,
 6 called for that purpose, merge the respective county school systems
 7 into one school system; provided, however, that said merger shall be
 8 approved by the state board of public instruction before becoming

9 effective and provided further that notice of the proposed merger
10 shall be published at least twenty (20) days prior to the proposed
11 merger pursuant to section six hundred eighteen point fourteen
12 (618.14) of the Code and with the following provisions covering such
13 mergers:

14 "1. The merged school system shall be known as the 'joint county
15 system of (name of county), (name of county), (name of county),
16 etc.'

17 "2. The merged system shall have one tax base made up of the
18 combined tax base of the respective county school systems.

19 "3. The merged system shall become effective upon the first day of
20 July, following the approval of said merger by the state board of
21 public instruction.

22 "4. The territory of the 'joint county system' shall be divided into
23 six election areas by the affected county boards in joint session and
24 be as nearly as possible of equal size and population, and contiguous
25 territory, to be designated as the first, the second, the third, the
26 fourth, the fifth, and the sixth election areas. In the event of changes
27 in the limits of the 'joint county system' the joint board of education
28 shall make any such adjustments as may be necessary to equalize the
29 territorial and population size of the election areas, provided, how-
30 ever, that no such change shall be made less than sixty (60) days
31 prior to the dates of the annual school election.

32 "5. There shall be a 'joint board of education' which shall consist
33 of seven (7) members, one member to be elected from each of the
34 respective election areas, by qualified school electors residing therein,
35 and one member to be elected at large by qualified school electors re-
36 siding within the territorial boundaries of the joint county system.
37 Their terms of office shall commence on the first Monday in October
38 following their election.

39 "Elections to the joint board of education shall be held at the
40 annual school elections in odd numbered years for members whose
41 terms expire on the first Monday in October following such elections
42 and their term of office shall be for six years. Vacancies on said
43 board shall be filled at the next regular meeting of the board by ap-
44 pointment by the remaining members of the board until the next odd
45 numbered year election at which election a member shall be elected
46 to fill the vacancy for the balance of the unexpired term. A vacancy
47 shall be defined as in section two hundred seventy-seven point twenty-
48 nine (277.29) of the Code.

49 "The provisions of sections two hundred seventy-three point five
50 (273.5) to two hundred seventy-three point ten (273.10) of the Code
51 shall be applicable.

52 "6. For the purpose of selecting the initial membership of the joint
53 board of education, the respective county boards shall meet in joint
54 session, at least thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of the
55 joint system, and select, from their own membership, one member
56 residing in each of the aforesaid election areas and one member at
57 large. The members so selected shall assume office upon the effective
58 date of the joint system for respective interim terms to be deter-
59 mined by lot. Three of such interim terms shall expire on the first
60 Monday in October in the first odd numbered year after the year of

61 such selection, two shall expire two years thereafter, and two shall
62 expire four years thereafter. On the effective date of the joint system
63 the respective county boards of education shall cease to exist and the
64 joint board of education shall thereafter exercise the powers and
65 perform the duties of the said respective boards.

66 "7. The joint board shall have the authority to provide adequate
67 office facilities by renting or leasing same for a period not to exceed
68 ten (10) years. The board shall designate a central office and may
69 designate such branch office as necessary with such designation,
70 rental or leasing of facilities subject to the approval of the state
71 board. In the event that the joint board cannot agree on the location
72 of the central office and branch offices, the state board shall so desig-
73 nate.

74 "8. The budget of the joint district shall be certified to the county
75 auditor of the county in which the central office is located, and the
76 county treasurer of the same county shall serve as treasurer for the
77 funds of the joint district.

78 "9. The joint board is hereby authorized to appoint such advisory
79 committees as deemed necessary.

80 "10. Joint boards or county boards subject to approval of the state
81 board of public instruction are hereby authorized to provide courses
82 and services for physically, mentally and educationally handicapped;
83 provide special and remedial courses and services, educational tele-
84 vision, vocational rehabilitation training centers, workshops; to
85 lease, acquire, maintain, and operate such facilities and buildings as
86 deemed necessary to provide authorized courses and services and
87 administer such authorized programs.

88 "11. The joint board or county boards are hereby authorized to
89 make application for, accept, and spend state and federal funds that
90 are available or might become available for programs of educational
91 benefit approved by the state board.

92 "12. Joint boards shall exercise all powers and carry out all duties
93 imposed on county boards of education by statute, and shall be gov-
94 erned in general by the provisions of this chapter.

95 "13. When two (2) or more county boards of education are merged
96 into a joint county board of education under this section, the county
97 conference board as provided for in chapter* four hundred forty-one
98 point two (441.2) of the Code shall include one representative from
99 the board of directors of each high school district of the county, who
100 shall replace the county board of education members on the confer-
101 ence board as provided for in chapter* four hundred forty-one point
102 two (441.2) of the Code.

103 "14. When two (2) or more county boards of education are merged
104 into a joint county board of education under this section, the boards
105 of education of schools located within each county shall select the
106 delegates to the district convention as provided in chapter two hun-
107 dred fifty-seven (257) of the Code which have previously been se-
108 lected by the county board of education."

1 SEC. 3. In addition to the procedure set forth in section two (2)
2 of this Act for the merger of county school systems the county boards

*According to enrolled Act.

3 of education of any two or more adjacent counties upon receipt of a
 4 petition signed by not less than ten (10) per cent of those voting for
 5 governor in the last general election in each county, shall call a special
 6 election in said counties for the purpose of merging the respective
 7 county school systems into one school system. The elections shall be
 8 on the same day in each of said counties and the question on the
 9 ballot shall be: "Shall the county school systems of (insert the names
 10 of the counties) counties be merged into one school system?" If a
 11 majority of the votes cast in each of said counties be in favor of the
 12 proposal the county boards of education in the respective counties
 13 shall by concurrent action merge the county school systems into one
 14 school system. Prior to setting a date for said elections, approval of
 15 the state board of public instruction shall be obtained and all provi-
 16 sions covering a merger heretofore set out above shall also be appli-
 17 cable to a merger under this procedure.

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CHAPTER 240

REORGANIZATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS

S. F. 190

AN ACT relating to reorganization of school districts.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section two hundred seventy-five point one (275.1),
 2 Code 1962, is hereby amended by striking all of lines thirty-four (34)
 3 through fifty (50) inclusive and inserting in lieu thereof the follow-
 4 ing:

5 "1966. If any area of the state is not a part of such a district by
 6 April 1, 1966, or is not included in a reorganization petition filed in
 7 accordance with section two hundred seventy-five point twelve
 8 (275.12) of the Code on or before April 1, 1966, the area shall be
 9 attached by the county board of education to a district, or districts
 10 maintaining twelve (12) grades, such attachment to become effective
 11 July 1, 1966, and provided such attachment has the approval of the
 12 state board of public instruction. Any such district or part thereof
 13 attached by the county board of education, with the approval of the
 14 state board of public instruction, shall have the right to appeal this
 15 attachment to a court of record in the county in which said district
 16 or part thereof is located within twenty (20) days after the date of
 17 the approval by the state board of public instruction.

18 "Any area included in a reorganization petition filed on or before
 19 April 1, 1966, and not becoming a part of a district maintaining twelve
 20 (12) grades because of the subsequent failure of the proposal to carry
 21 or by reason of judicial appeal proceedings, shall be attached to a
 22 district, or districts maintaining twelve (12) grades by the county
 23 board of education. Such attachment shall become effective July 1,
 24 1966, or if impossible by said date because of later vote or appeal
 25 proceedings, on such date as fixed by the state board of public in-