

CHAPTER 1061

SPANISH-SPEAKING PEOPLES COMMISSION

S. F. 1336

AN ACT relating to and appropriating funds to defray the expenses of a Spanish-speaking peoples commission, created by this Act and certain other ad hoc committees, councils and task forces.

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

1 SECTION 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the  
2 office of the governor for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1976 and ending  
3 June 30, 1977, the following amount or so much thereof as is necessary, to be  
4 used for the purposes designated:

5 1. For payment of expenses of the Spanish-speaking peoples  
6 commission established by sections three (3) through eight (8) of this  
7 Act, including employment of a director and clerical staff and payment  
8 of forty dollars per diem and actual expenses of commission members...\$ 35,000

9 2. For the payment of expenses of other ad hoc committees, councils  
10 and task forces appointed by the governor to research and analyze a  
11 particular subject area relevant to the problems and responsibilities of  
12 state and local government, including the employment of professional,  
13 technical and administrative staff and the payment of per diem, not  
14 exceeding forty dollars, and actual expenses of committee, council or  
15 task force members .....\$ 100,000

1 SEC. 2. NEW SECTION. The governor shall within ten days following the  
2 establishment of any ad hoc committee, council or task force give written notice  
3 of such action to the general assembly. The written notice shall describe the  
4 objectives and the scope of proposed activities of the ad hoc committee, council  
5 or task force. If the ad hoc committee, council or task force is established while  
6 the general assembly is in session, the written notice shall be transmitted to the  
7 lieutenant governor and the speaker of the house and shall be printed in the  
8 journals of the senate and the house of representatives. If the ad hoc committee,  
9 council or task force is established when the general assembly is not in session the  
10 written notice shall be transmitted to the legislative council.

1 SEC. 3. NEW SECTION. **Commission created—terms—compensation.** There  
2 is created a Spanish-speaking peoples commission which shall consist of nine  
3 members, appointed by the governor from a list of nominees submitted by the  
4 governor's Spanish-speaking peoples task force. The members of the commission  
5 shall be appointed during the month of June and shall serve for terms of two  
6 years commencing July first of each odd-numbered year. However members of  
7 the initial commission shall be appointed not later than July 31, 1976 and shall  
8 serve until July 1, 1979. Members appointed in 1976 or in an odd-numbered year  
9 shall continue to serve until their respective successors are appointed. Vacancies  
10 in the membership of the commission shall be filled by the original appointing  
11 authority and in the manner of the original appointments. Members shall receive  
12 forty dollars per diem and actual and necessary expenses incurred while serving  
13 in their official capacity.

1 SEC. 4. NEW SECTION. **Organization.** The commission shall select from its  
2 membership a chairperson and other officers as it deems necessary and shall meet  
3 not less than six times a year. A majority of the members of the commission shall  
4 constitute a quorum.

1 SEC. 5. NEW SECTION. **Commission employees.** The commission may  
2 employ a director and clerical staff who shall be qualified by experience to

3 assume the responsibilities of their several offices. The director shall be the  
 4 administrative officer of the commission and shall serve the commission by  
 5 gathering and disseminating information, forwarding proposals and evaluations to  
 6 the governor, the general assembly, and state agencies, carrying out public  
 7 education programs, conducting hearings and conferences, and performing other  
 8 duties necessary for the proper operation of the commission.

1 SEC. 6. NEW SECTION. **Duties.** The commission shall:

2 1. Coordinate, assist, and cooperate with the efforts of state departments and  
 3 agencies to serve the needs of Spanish-speaking persons in the fields of education,  
 4 employment, health, housing, welfare, and recreation.

5 2. Develop, coordinate, and assist other public organizations which serve  
 6 Spanish-speaking persons.

7 3. Evaluate existing programs and proposed legislation affecting Spanish-  
 8 speaking persons, and propose new programs.

9 4. Stimulate public awareness of the problems of Spanish-speaking persons by  
 10 conducting a program of public education and encouraging the governor and the  
 11 general assembly to develop programs to deal with these problems.

12 5. Conduct training programs for Spanish-speaking persons to enable them to  
 13 assume leadership positions on the community level.

14 6. Conduct a survey of the Spanish-speaking people in Iowa in order to  
 15 ascertain their needs.

16 7. Work to establish a Spanish-speaking information center in the state of  
 17 Iowa.

1 SEC. 7. NEW SECTION. **Powers.** The commission shall have all powers  
 2 necessary to carry out the functions and duties specified in this Act, including,  
 3 but not limited to the power to establish advisory committees on special studies,  
 4 to solicit and accept gifts and grants, promulgate rules according to chapter  
 5 seventeen A (17A) of the Code, and to contract with public and private groups to  
 6 conduct its business. All departments, divisions, agencies and offices of the state  
 7 shall make available upon request of the commission information which is  
 8 pertinent to the subject matter of the study and which is not by law confidential.

1 SEC. 8. NEW SECTION. **Report.** The commission shall make a detailed  
 2 report of its activities, studies, findings, conclusions and recommendations to the  
 3 general assembly not later than February fifteenth of each odd-numbered year.

1 SEC. 9. NEW SECTION. **Commission termination.** Without affirmative action  
 2 by the general assembly the Spanish-speaking people's commission shall expire on  
 3 June 30, 1979.

1 SEC. 10. In order for the said commission to continue beyond the date certain  
 2 set for its expiration, a bill must pass both houses of the general assembly and be  
 3 approved by the governor. Said bill shall reestablish the commission, make any  
 4 necessary modifications in its structure and operation and provide an operational  
 5 budget.

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