

39 customers affected, will promote the efficient and economical use and  
 40 development of the electric systems of the contracting electric utilities, and is in  
 41 the public interest.

1 SEC. 8. NEW SECTION. **Effect of incorporation, annexation or consolidation.**  
 2 The inclusion by incorporation, consolidation, or annexation of any facilities or  
 3 service area of an electric utility within the boundaries of any city shall not by  
 4 such inclusion impair or affect in any respect the rights of the electric utility to  
 5 continue to provide electric utility service and to extend electric service to  
 6 prospective customers in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

1 SEC. 9. Section four hundred ninety A point twenty-three (490A.23), as  
 2 amended by Acts of the Sixty-sixth General Assembly, 1975 Session, chapter  
 3 sixty-seven (67), section forty-four (44), and section four hundred ninety A point  
 4 twenty-four (490A.24), Code 1975, are repealed.

Approved May 20, 1976

## CHAPTER 1201

### DEPUTY ASSESSORS CERTIFICATION

S. F. 1063

AN ACT relating to the certification of deputy assessors.

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

1 SECTION 1. Acts of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly, 1974 Session, chapter  
 2 one thousand two hundred thirty (1230), section seven (7), amending section four  
 3 hundred forty-one point eleven (441.11), Code 1973, is amended to read as  
 4 follows:

5 Sec. 7. Section four hundred forty-one point eleven (441.11), Code 1973, is  
 6 amended by striking the section and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

7 **441.11 Incumbent assessors and deputies.** The director of revenue shall grant  
 8 a restricted certificate to any city or county assessor *or deputy assessor* holding  
 9 office as of January 1, 1976. An assessor possessing such a certificate shall be  
 10 considered eligible to remain in his or her present position and to be reappointed  
 11 to that position as provided in section four hundred forty-one point eight (441.8)  
 12 *and four hundred forty-one point ten (441.10)* of the Code. *A deputy assessor*  
 13 *possessing such a certificate shall be considered eligible to remain in his or her present*  
 14 *position.* To become eligible for another assessor *or deputy assessor* position,  
 15 however, an assessor *or deputy assessor* presently holding office is required to  
 16 obtain certification as provided for in section four hundred forty-one point five  
 17 (441.5) of the Code.

1 SEC. 2. This Act, being deemed of immediate importance, shall take effect  
 2 and be in force from and after its publication in The Union, a newspaper  
 3 published in West Union, Iowa, and in the Hampton Chronicle, a newspaper  
 4 published in Hampton, Iowa.

Approved March 1, 1976

Pursuant to the authority vested in the undersigned, Secretary of State of Iowa, under the provisions of Section 3.9 Code of Iowa, 1975, there being no newspaper by the name of The Union, published in West Union, Iowa, I hereby designate The Fayette County Union, published in West Union, Iowa, to publish the foregoing Act, Senate File 1063.

MELVIN D. SYNHORST, *Secretary of State*

I hereby certify that the foregoing Act, Senate File 1063, was published in The Fayette County Union, West Union, Iowa, March 11, 1976, and in the Hampton Chronicle, Hampton, Iowa, March 11, 1976.

MELVIN D. SYNHORST, *Secretary of State*

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## CHAPTER 1202

### AUTISTIC CHILDREN

H. F. 689

AN ACT defining autistic children and clarifying provisions relating to payment of the costs of inpatient or outpatient care of autistic children.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section four hundred forty-four point twelve (444.12), subsection  
2 two (2), unnumbered paragraph one (1), Code 1975, is amended to read as  
3 follows:

4 Any portion which the board of supervisors may deem advisable of the cost of  
5 psychiatric examination and treatment of persons in need thereof or of  
6 professional evaluation, treatment, training, habilitation, and care of persons who  
7 are mentally retarded, *autistic children* or *persons who* are afflicted by any other  
8 developmental disability, at any suitable public or private facility providing  
9 inpatient or outpatient care in such county. As used in this subsection,  
10 ~~“developmental”~~: *a. “Developmental disability”* has the meaning assigned that term  
11 by title 42, section 2691, subsection 1, United States Code, as amended to  
12 January 1, 1974. *b. “Autistic children”* means persons, regardless of age, with severe  
13 communication and behavior disorders that became manifest during the early stages of  
14 childhood development and that are characterized by a severely disabling inability to  
15 understand, communicate, learn and participate in social relationships. “Autistic  
16 children” includes but is not limited to those persons afflicted by infantile autism,  
17 profound aphasia and childhood psychosis.

Approved May 13, 1976

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## CHAPTER 1203

### LEVEE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICTS

S. F. 547

AN ACT relating to the financing of levees and drainage districts.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter four hundred fifty-five (455), Code 1975, is amended by  
2 adding the following new section:

3 NEW SECTION. The board of a county with a population of two hundred  
4 thousand persons or more that has established a drainage district located partly