

service bureau.

The code editor, state comptroller, and state printer shall cooperate to carry out the provisions of this section.

Sec. 2. Section eighteen point ninety-seven (18.97), subsection sixteen (16), Code 1977, is amended to read as follows:

16. To the clerk of the district court and each separate office of the clerk, the county attorney, the county auditor, the county recorder, county and city assessor, the county treasurer, the sheriff and each separate office of a sheriff, the public defender's office, and the administrator of each area education agency in the state and also for use in each courtroom of the district court.....1 copy.

Sec. 3. This Act, being deemed of immediate importance, shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the Ottumwa Courier, a newspaper published in Ottumwa, Iowa, and in The Sioux County Index-Reporter, a newspaper published in Hull, Iowa.

Approved May 18, 1977

I hereby certify that the foregoing Act, Senate File 317, was published in the Ottumwa Courier, Ottumwa, Iowa on May 23, 1977, and in The Sioux County Index-Reporter, Hull, Iowa on May 26, 1977.

MELVIN D. SYNHORST, *Secretary of State*

CHAPTER 41
COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

S. F. 393

AN ACT relating to the form of the ballot for public employee representation elections, voting requirement for such elections, and the duration of collective bargaining agreements.

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

Section 1. Section twenty point fifteen (20.15), subsections one (1) and two (2), Code 1977, are amended to read as follows:

1. Upon the filing of a petition for certification of an employee organization, the board shall submit ~~two-questions~~ a question to the public employees at an election in an appropriate bargaining unit. The ~~first~~ question on the ballot shall permit the public employees to ~~determine-whether-or-not-such-public-employees-desire-exclusive-bargaining~~

~~representation--The second question on the ballot shall list~~
vote for no bargaining representation or for any employee
organization which has petitioned for certification or which
has presented proof satisfactory to the board of support of
ten percent or more of the public employees in the appropriate
unit.

2. If a majority of the votes cast on the first question
is ~~in-the-negative~~ for no bargaining representation, the
public employees shall not be represented by an employee
organization. If a majority of the votes cast on the first
question is ~~in-the-affirmative~~ for a listed employee
organization, then the employee organization ~~receiving a~~
~~majority of the votes cast on the second question~~ shall
represent the public employees in an appropriate bargaining
unit.

Sec. 2. Section twenty point fifteen (20.15), subsections
three (3) and five (5), Code 1977, are amended to read as
follows:

3. If none of the choices on the ballot receive the vote
of a majority of the public employees ~~who could be represented~~
~~by an employee organization voting~~, the board shall conduct
a runoff election among the two choices receiving the greatest
number of votes.

5. Upon completion of a valid election in which the
majority choice of the employees ~~who could be represented~~
~~by an employee organization voting~~ is determined, the board
shall certify the results of the election and shall give
reasonable notice of the order to all employee organizations
listed on the ballot, the public employers, and the public
employees in the appropriate bargaining unit.

Sec. 3. Section twenty point fifteen (20.15), subsection
six (6), Code 1977, is amended to read as follows:

6. A petition for certification as an exclusive bargain-
ing representative shall not be considered by the board for
a period of one year from the date of the certification or
noncertification of an exclusive bargaining representative
or during the duration of a collective bargaining agreement
which shall not exceed two years. A collective bargaining
agreement with the state, its boards, commissions, departments,
and agencies shall be for two years and the effective date
of any such agreement shall be July 4 first of odd-numbered
years, provided that if an exclusive bargaining representative
is certified on a date which will prevent the negotiation

of a collective bargaining agreement prior to July first of odd-numbered years for a period of two years, the certified collective bargaining representative may negotiate a one year contract with a public employer which shall be effective from July first of the even-numbered year to July first of the succeeding odd-numbered year when new contracts shall become effective. However, if a petition for decertification is filed during the duration of a collective bargaining agreement, the board shall award an election under this section not more than one hundred eighty days nor less than one hundred fifty days prior to the expiration of the collective bargaining agreement. If an employee organization is decertified, the board may receive petitions under section 20.14, provided that no such petition and no election conducted pursuant to such petition within one year from decertification shall include as a party the decertified employee organization.
Approved July 13, 1977

CHAPTER 42

WAR SURPLUS COMMODITIES BOARD

S. F. 51

AN ACT to repeal the authority of the war surplus commodities board.

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

Section 1. Chapter twenty-one (21), Code 1977, is repealed.

Approved March 4, 1977

CHAPTER 43

TAX ASSESSMENTS AND TAX CREDITS

H. F. 332

AN ACT relating to property taxation by providing additional property tax credits for property owners by increasing the homestead tax credit and the agricultural land tax credit, providing a temporary delay in the phaseout of personal property taxes, making changes in the procedures for assessment and valuation of certain taxable property, creating a