

CHAPTER 1112
MUNICIPAL SEWAGE SLUDGE AS FERTILIZER
H.F. 2425

AN ACT relating to the use of municipal sewage sludge as fertilizer.

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

Section 1. Section 455B.78, Code 1981, is amended by adding the following new un-numbered paragraph:

NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH. The commission shall adopt rules that allow the use of wet or dry sludge from publicly-owned treatment works for land application. A sale of wet or dry sludge for the purpose of land application shall be accompanied by a written agreement signed by both parties which contains a general analysis of the contents of the sludge. The heavy metal content of the sludge shall not exceed that allowed by rules of the commission. An owner of a publicly-owned treatment works which sells wet or dry sludge is not subject to criminal liability for acts or omissions in connection with a sale, and is not subject to any action by the purchaser to recover damages for harm to person or property caused by sludge that is delivered pursuant to a sale unless it is a result of a violation of the written agreement or if the heavy metal content of the sludge exceeds that allowed by rules of the commission. Nothing in this section shall provide immunity to any person from action by the department pursuant to section 455B.82.

Sec. 2. The rules promulgated under section 1 of this Act shall be generally consistent with those rules of the department existing on January 1, 1982 regarding the land application of municipal sewage sludge except that they may provide for different methods of application for wet sludge and dry sludge.

Approved April 30, 1982

CHAPTER 1113
REORGANIZATION OF UNDER-GRADED SCHOOL DISTRICTS
H.F. 2420

AN ACT relating to the authority of the state board of public instruction over a school district not maintaining twelve grades.

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

Section 1. Section 275.1, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 1981, is amended to read as follows:

It is declared to be the policy of the state to encourage economical and efficient school districts which will insure an equal educational opportunity to all children of the state. All areas of the state shall be in school districts maintaining twelve grades. If any school district ceases to maintain twelve grades except as otherwise provided in sections 280.15 and 257.28, it shall reorganize within six months or the state board shall attach the school district not maintaining twelve grades to another district one or more adjacent districts. Voluntary reorganizations under this chapter shall be commenced only if the affected school districts are contiguous to one another. A reorganized district shall meet the requirements of section 275.3.

Approved April 30, 1982

CHAPTER 1114

PROPERTY TAX FOR FIRE PROTECTION AND AMBULANCE SERVICE

S.F. 2238

AN ACT relating to the levy of a property tax for fire protection and ambulance service by a township having a common boundary with a city having a population of one hundred eighty thousand or more.

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

Section 1. Section 359.43, subsection 1, Code 1981, is amended to read as follows:

1. The township trustees may levy an annual tax not exceeding forty and one-half cents per thousand dollars of assessed value of the taxable property in the township, excluding any property within a benefited fire district or within the corporate limits of a city, for the purpose of exercising the powers granted in section 359.42. However, in any township having a fire protection service or ambulance service agreement or both service agreements with a special charter city having a paid fire department, the township trustees may levy an annual tax not exceeding fifty-four cents per thousand dollars of the assessed value of the taxable property for those purposes and in any township which has a common boundary with a city having a population of ~~two~~ one hundred eighty thousand or more, the township trustees may levy an annual tax not exceeding sixty-seven and one-half cents per thousand dollars of assessed value of taxable property for fire protection service or ambulance service purposes or for both purposes.

Sec. 2. This Act, being deemed of immediate importance, takes effect from and after its publication in the Ankeny Press-Citizen, a newspaper published in Ankeny, Iowa, and in the Urbandale News, a newspaper published in Urbandale, Iowa.

Approved April 22, 1982

I hereby certify that the foregoing Act, Senate File 2238 was published in the Ankeny Press Citizen, Ankeny, Iowa on April 29, 1982 and in the Urbandale News, Urbandale, Iowa, on May 6, 1982.

Pursuant to the authority vested in the undersigned, Secretary of State of Iowa, under the provisions of Section 3.9, Code of Iowa, 1981, there being no newspaper by the name of the Ankeny Press-Citizen, published in Ankeny, Iowa, I hereby designate the Ankeny Press Citizen, published in Ankeny Iowa, to publish the foregoing Act, Senate File 2238.

MARY JANE ODELL, *Secretary of State*