

**CHAPTER 1039****UTILITY RATE REGULATION EXEMPTION***H.F. 2325*

**AN ACT** exempting electric public utilities having less than ten thousand customers and electric cooperative corporations and associations from the rate regulation authority of the Iowa commerce commission and defining the areas in which such utilities remain subject to regulation.

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

**Section 1. NEW SECTION. 476.1A APPLICABILITY OF AUTHORITY — CERTAIN ELECTRIC UTILITIES.**

Electric public utilities having less than ten thousand customers and electric cooperative corporations and associations are not subject to the rate regulation authority of the commission. Such utilities are subject to all other regulation and enforcement activities of the commission, including:

1. Assessment of fees for the support of the commission.
2. Safety and engineering standards for equipment, operations, and procedures.
3. Assigned area of service.
4. Pilot projects of the commission.

However, sections 476.20, 476.21, 476.41 through 476.44, 476.51 and 476.61 and chapters 476A and 478, to the extent applicable, apply to such electric utilities.

Electric cooperative corporations and associations and electric public utilities exempt from rate regulation under this section shall not make or grant any unreasonable preferences or advantages as to rates or services to any person or subject any person to any unreasonable prejudice or disadvantage.

The board of directors or the membership of an electric cooperative corporation or association otherwise exempt from rate regulation may elect to have the cooperative's rates regulated by the commission. The commission shall adopt rules prescribing the manner in which the board of directors or the membership of an electric cooperative may so elect. If the board of directors or the membership of an electric cooperative has elected to have the cooperative's rates regulated by the commission, after two years have elapsed from the effective date of such election the membership of the electric cooperative may elect to exempt the cooperative from the rate regulation authority of the commission.

Sec. 2. The Iowa state commerce commission shall submit copies of its intended action on rules required under section 1 of this Act to the administrative rules coordinator pursuant to chapter 17A within thirty days from the effective date of this Act.

Approved April 8, 1986

**CHAPTER 1040****COMMUNITY-BASED CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES ESCAPEES***H.F. 268*

**AN ACT** relating to escapees from community-based correctional facilities, and adopting penalties.

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

Section 1. Section 719.4, subsections 1, 2, and 3, Code 1985, are amended to read as follows: