

## CHAPTER 50

### COMMISSION OF LATINO AFFAIRS AND COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF BLACKS S.F. 389

**AN ACT** relating to the department of human rights commission of Latino affairs and commission on the status of blacks.

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

Section 1. Section 601K.12, Code 1991, is amended to read as follows:

601K.12 COMMISSION OF LATINO AFFAIRS — TERMS — COMPENSATION.

The commission of Latino affairs consists of nine members, appointed by the governor. Commission members shall be appointed in compliance with sections 69.16 and 69.16A and with consideration given to geographic residence and density of Latino population represented by each member. The members of the commission shall be appointed during the month of June and shall serve for terms of two years commencing July 1 of each odd-numbered year. Members appointed shall continue to serve until their respective successors are appointed. Vacancies in the membership of the commission shall be filled by the original appointing authority and in the manner of the original appointments. Members shall receive actual expenses incurred while serving in their official capacity. Members may also be eligible to receive compensation as provided in section 7E.6.

Sec. 2. Section 601K.1, subsection 8, Code 1991, is amended to read as follows:

8. Division on the status of ~~blacks~~ African-Americans.

Sec. 3. Section 601K.141, Code 1991, is amended to read as follows:

601K.141 DEFINITIONS.

For purposes of this subchapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

1. "Commission" means the commission on the status of ~~blacks~~ African-Americans.
2. "Division" means the division on the status of ~~blacks~~ African-Americans of the department of human rights.
3. "Administrator" means the administrator of the division on the status of ~~blacks~~ African-Americans of the department of human rights.

Sec. 4. Section 601K.142, Code 1991, is amended to read as follows:

601K.142 ESTABLISHMENT.

There is established a commission on the status of ~~blacks~~ African-Americans to consist of nine members, appointed by the governor, and confirmed by the senate, to staggered four-year terms. At least five members shall be individuals who are ~~black~~ African-American. Members shall be appointed representing every geographical area of the state. No more than a simple majority of the commission shall be of the same political party. The members of the commission shall appoint from its membership a commission chairperson and a vice chairperson and other officers as the commission deems necessary. Vacancies on the commission shall be filled for the remainder of term of the original appointment.

Sec. 5. Section 601K.144, Code 1991, is amended to read as follows:

601K.144 OBJECTIVES OF COMMISSION.

The commission shall study the changing needs and problems of ~~blacks~~ African-Americans in this state, and recommend new programs, policies, and constructive action to the governor and the general assembly including, but not limited to, the following areas:

1. Public and private employment policies and practices.
2. Iowa labor laws.
3. Legal treatment relating to political and civil rights.
4. ~~Black~~ African-American children, youth, and families.
5. Expanded programs to assist ~~blacks~~ African-Americans as consumers.
6. The employment of ~~blacks~~ African-Americans and the initiation and sustaining of ~~black~~ African-American businesses and ~~black~~ African-American entrepreneurship.

7. ~~Blacks~~ African-Americans as members of private and public boards, committees, and organizations.
8. Education, health, housing, social welfare, human rights, and recreation.
9. The legal system, including law enforcement, both criminal and civil.
10. Social service programs.

Sec. 6. Section 601K.146, Code 1991, is amended to read as follows:

601K.146 DUTIES.

The commission shall do all of the following:

1. Serve as an information clearinghouse on programs and agencies operating to assist ~~blacks~~ African-Americans. Clearinghouse duties shall include, but are not limited to:
  - a. Service as a referral agency to assist ~~blacks~~ African-Americans in securing access to state agencies and programs.
  - b. Service as a liaison with federal, state, and local governmental units and private organizations on matters relating to ~~blacks~~ African-Americans.
  - c. Service as a communications conduit to state government for ~~black~~ African-American organizations in the state.
  - d. Stimulation of public awareness of the problems of ~~blacks~~ African-Americans.
2. Conduct conferences and training programs for ~~blacks~~ African-Americans, public and private agencies and organizations, and the general public.
3. Coordinate, assist, and cooperate with public and private agencies in efforts to expand equal rights and opportunities for ~~blacks~~ African-Americans in the areas of: employment, economic development, education, health, housing, recreation, social welfare, social services, and the legal system.
4. Serve as the central permanent agency for the advocacy of services for ~~blacks~~ African-Americans.
5. Provide assistance to and cooperate with individuals and public and private agencies and organizations in joint efforts to study and resolve problems relating to the improvement of the status of ~~blacks~~ African-Americans.
6. Publish and disseminate information relating to ~~blacks~~ African-Americans, including publicizing their accomplishments and contributions to this state.
7. Evaluate existing and proposed programs and legislation for their impact on ~~blacks~~ African-Americans.
8. Coordinate or conduct training programs for ~~blacks~~ African-Americans to enable them to assume leadership positions.
9. Conduct surveys of ~~blacks~~ African-Americans to ascertain their needs.
10. Assist the department of personnel in the elimination of underutilization of ~~blacks~~ African-Americans in the state's workforce.
11. Recommend legislation to the governor and the general assembly designed to improve the educational opportunities and the economic and social conditions of ~~blacks~~ African-Americans in this state.

Approved April 23, 1991

**CHAPTER 51****TEACHER LICENSING***H.F. 486*

**AN ACT** to permit the board of educational examiners to deem national board certificate holders as meeting the requirements for Iowa teachers' licenses or endorsements.

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

Section 1. **NEW SECTION. 260.20 NATIONAL CERTIFICATION.**

The board of educational examiners shall review the standards for teacher's certificates adopted by the national board for professional teaching standards, a nonprofit corporation created as a result of recommendations of the task force on teaching as a profession of the Carnegie forum on education and the economy. In those cases in which the standards required by the national board for an Iowa endorsement or license meet or exceed the requirements contained in rules adopted under this chapter for that endorsement or license, the board of educational examiners shall issue endorsements or licenses to holders of certificates issued by the national board who request the endorsement or license.

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**CHAPTER 52****STATEWIDE FIRE AND POLICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM***S.F. 326*

**AN ACT** exempting members, employees, and the secretary of the board of trustees for the statewide fire and police retirement system from certain liabilities, providing per diem compensation for board members, appropriating funds to the board, changing the date for completion of an actuarial study, providing that certain cities that did not participate in a chapter 411 retirement system as of May 3, 1990, are not required to participate in the statewide system, and providing retroactive applicability and effective date provisions.

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

Section 1. Section 411.7, Code 1991, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

**NEW SUBSECTION. 5.** Except as otherwise provided in section 411.36, a member, employee, and the secretary of the board of trustees shall not be personally liable for a loss to the fire and police retirement fund, the loss shall be assessed against the fire and police retirement fund, and moneys are hereby appropriated from the fund in an amount sufficient to cover the losses.

Sec. 2. Section 411.36, Code 1991, is amended by adding the following new subsections:

**NEW SUBSECTION. 5.** Members of the board shall be paid their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties and shall receive a per diem as specified in section 7E.6 for each day of service. Per diem and expenses shall be paid to voting members from the fire and police retirement fund created in section 411.8. Per diem and expenses of the legislative members shall be paid from the funds appropriated under section 2.12. However, legislative members shall not be paid pursuant to this section when the general assembly is actually in session at the seat of government.

**NEW SUBSECTION. 6.** A member, employee, and the secretary of the board of trustees are not personally liable for claims based upon an act or omission of the person performed in the discharge of the person's duties, except for acts or omissions which involve intentional