CHAPTER 111

SUPPLEMENTARY WEIGHTING PLANS – JOINTLY EMPLOYED SUPERINTENDENTS S.F. 205

AN ACT relating to shared superintendents for purposes of the supplementary weighting plan for public school districts and providing effective and retroactive applicability dates.

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

Section 1. Section 257.11, subsection 5, Code 1995, is amended by adding the following new unnumbered paragraph:

<u>NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH</u>. For purposes of this section, "superintendent" includes a person jointly employed under section 273.7A or section 280.15 to serve in the capacity of a school superintendent and who holds a superintendent's endorsement issued under chapter 272 by the board of educational examiners.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE – RETROACTIVITY. This Act, being deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment and is retroactively applicable to July 1, 1994.

Approved April 27, 1995

CHAPTER 112

STATEWIDE NOTIFICATION CENTER – MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS S.F. 228

AN ACT relating to the statewide notification center by providing that the center is subject to the open meetings and public records law, requiring certain financial information to be reported, establishing an audit requirement, and providing a penalty.

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

Section 1. Section 480.3, Code 1995, is amended to read as follows: 480.3 NOTIFICATION CENTER ESTABLISHED - PARTICIPATION.

- 1. a. A statewide notification center is established and shall be organized as a non-profit corporation pursuant to chapter 504A. The center shall be governed by a board of directors which shall represent and be elected by operators, excavators, and other persons who participate in the center. The board shall, with input from all interested parties, determine the operating procedures and technology needed for a single statewide notification center, and establish a notification process and competitive bidding procedure to select a vendor to provide the notification service. The terms of the agreement for the notification service may be modified from time to time by the board, and the agreement shall be reviewed, with an opportunity to receive new bids, no less frequently than every three years.
- b. Upon the selection of a vendor pursuant to paragraph "a", the board shall notify the chairperson of the utilities board in writing of the selection. The board shall submit an annual report to the chairperson of the utilities board including a an annual audit and review of the services provided by the notification center and the vendor.
 - c. The board is subject to chapters 21 and 22.
- 2. The board shall implement the latest and most cost-effective technological improvements for the center in order to provide operators and excavators with the most accurate

data available and in a timely manner to allow operators and excavators to perform their responsibilities with the minimum amount of interruptions.

3. Every operator shall participate in and share in the costs of the notification center. The financial condition and the transactions of the notification center shall be audited at least once each year by a certified public accountant. The notification center shall not provide any form of aid or make a contribution to a political party or to the campaign of a candidate for political or public office. In addition to any applicable civil penalty, as provided in section 480.6, a violation of this section constitutes a simple misdemeanor.

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CHAPTER 113

CREDIT CARD DELINQUENCY CHARGES S.F. 341

AN ACT relating to delinquency charges on credit cards used to purchase or lease goods or services from less than one hundred persons not related to the card issuer.

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

Section 1. Section 537.2502, Code 1995, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

<u>NEW SUBSECTION</u>. 8. With respect to open-end credit obtained pursuant to a credit card issued by the creditor which entitles the cardholder to purchase or lease goods or services from less than one hundred persons not related to the card issuer, the parties may contract for a delinquency charge on any payment not paid in full within thirty days after its due date, as originally scheduled or as deferred, in an amount not to exceed ten dollars. A delinquency charge shall not be collected more than once on any one payment, regardless of the length of time the payment remains delinquent.

Approved April 27, 1995

CHAPTER 114

MEMBERSHIP OF CERTAIN CITY COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS S.F. 351

AN ACT authorizing certain cities to appoint additional members to certain city commissions.

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

Section 1. Section 37.9, Code 1995, is amended by adding the following new unnumbered paragraph:

<u>NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH</u>. In cities having a population of more than one hundred thousand, the city council may establish, by ordinance, the number of commission members at not less than five.