

**CHAPTER 98****CITY FRANCHISES — UTILITIES — ELECTIONS***S.F. 57*

**AN ACT** relating to approval of city ordinances granting certain utility franchises.

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

Section 1. Section 364.2, subsection 4, paragraph b, Code 2001, is amended to read as follows:

b. ~~No such~~ Such an ordinance shall not become effective unless approved at an election. The proposal may be submitted by the council on its own motion to the voters at any city election. Upon receipt of a valid petition as defined in section 362.4 requesting that a proposal be submitted to the voters, the council shall submit the proposal at the next regular city election or at a special election called for that purpose before the next regular city election. However, the city council may dispense with such election as to the grant, amendment, extension, or renewal of an electric light and power, heating, or gasworks franchise unless there is a valid petition requesting submission of the proposal to the voters, or the party seeking such franchise, grant, amendment, extension, or renewal requests an election. If a majority of those voting approves the proposal the city may proceed as proposed. The complete text of the ordinance shall be included on the ballot, if paper ballots are used. If an electronic voting system or voting machine is used, the proposal shall be stated on the ballot and the full text of the ordinance posted for the voters pursuant to section 52.25. All absentee voters shall receive the full text of the ordinance.

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**CHAPTER 99****ACCELERATED CAREER EDUCATION PROGRAM —  
ALLOCATION OF PROGRAM JOB CREDITS***S.F. 141*

**AN ACT** relating to the allocation of program job credits to program costs under the accelerated career education program and providing effective and retroactive applicability dates.

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

Section 1. Section 260G.4A, Code 2001, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 6. Pursuant to an agreement or a statement of intent to enter into an agreement dated on or after July 1, 2000, program job credits may be allocated retroactively to program costs incurred on or after July 1, 2000.

Sec. 2. **EFFECTIVE DATE — RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY.** This Act, being deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment and is retroactively applicable to July 1, 2000, and is applicable on and after that date.

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