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## A BILL FOR

An Act relating to the public schools in the state of Iowa and to repeal chapters two hundred seventy-three (273), two hundred seventy-four (274), two hundred seventy-five (275), and two hundred seventy-seven (277), Code 1958, and to amend chapters two hundred seventy-eight (278), two hundred seventy-nine (279), and two hundred eighty-five (285), Code 1958.

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

1 Section 1. Chapter two hundred seventy-three (273), Code  
2 1958, is hereby repealed and the following is enacted in lieu  
3 thereof:

4 1. System created. There is hereby created an intermediate  
5 school system comprising twenty (20) districts, nineteen (19) of  
6 which comprise five (5) counties and one (1) of which comprises  
7 four (4) counties, Polk County being one (1) county in the four  
8 (4) county districts.

9 2. Schools included. Each intermediate school system shall  
10 comprise five (5) county school systems, except the intermediate  
11 district including Polk County, which shall comprise four (4)  
12 counties, and the state board of public instruction shall divide  
13 the counties of the state into twenty (20) such districts on or  
14 before the first (1st) day of June, A. D., 1960, numbering said  
15 districts from one (1) through twenty (20) commencing with the  
16 district in the northwest corner of the state.

17 3. Election areas. Each county embraced in the territory  
18 of the entire district shall constitute an election area.

19 4. Intermediate school board election. The intermediate  
20 board of education shall consist of five (5) members. Directors  
21 of each of the counties comprising said intermediate district  
22 shall be elected biennially on the third (3rd) Monday of June in  
23 1960, and on the third (3rd) Monday of June in each and every  
24 odd-numbered year thereafter, except Polk County which shall  
25 elect two directors. Their terms of office shall commence on  
26 July first (1st) following their election.

27 All the members of the intermediate board of education shall  
28 be first elected at their regular school election to be held on  
29 the third (3rd) Monday in June, 1960, and at the first (1st)  
30 regular meeting of the board on the following July first (1st).  
31 The term of office of each of the members shall be determined by  
32 lot, two (2) members to serve for one (1) year, two (2) members  
33 to serve for two (2) years and one (1) member to serve for three  
34 (3) years and the result of such determination showing the name  
35 of each member of the county from which elected and the term so  
36 determined shall be entered on the record of the minutes of the  
37 board and shall be conclusive as to the term of the members and  
38 thereafter for terms of three (3) years.

39 Elections to the intermediate board of education shall be  
40 held at the annual school elections in the counties embraced in  
41 the district in the years in which the member of the intermediate  
42 board of education from each respective county's term expires and  
43 the duly elected member shall take office on the first (1st) day  
44 of July following said election. The term of office shall be for  
45 three (3) years. Vacancies on said board shall be filled at the  
46 next regular meeting of the board by appointment by the remaining  
47 members of the board until the next election in the county from

48 which the vacancy occurred, at which election a member shall be  
49 elected to fill the vacancy for the balance of the unexpired  
50 term. A vacancy shall be defined as in subsection twenty (20) of  
51 section four (4) of this Act.

52 5. Nomination papers. Nomination papers on behalf of  
53 candidate for election for member of the intermediate board of  
54 education shall be filed with the county unit superintendent  
55 of schools not more than forty-five (45) days nor less than  
56 twenty (20) days prior to the election at which a member is to  
57 be elected. Each candidate shall be nominated by a petition  
58 signed by not less than twenty-five (25) qualified electors  
59 of the county from which the member is to be elected, which  
60 petition shall state the name of the county in which a member  
61 is to be elected and the office to which he is to be elected with  
62 the name of the candidate and that he is a resident and elector  
63 in the named county. Signers of the petition shall, in addition  
64 to signing their name, show their residence, including street and  
65 number, if any, the school district in which they reside and the  
66 date of signing and each nomination paper shall have appended  
67 to it an affidavit of an elector other than the candidate in  
68 substantially the form provided in section forty-three point  
69 seventeen (43.17) of the Code except as to the party affiliation.

70 6. Ballots. The county unit board of education shall cause  
71 to be printed the ballots for the election of members to the  
72 intermediate board of education. Ballots shall be printed and  
73 shall contain the names of all nominees arranged in alphabetical  
74 order by surname. The board shall likewise provide a sufficient  
75 number of forms on which the judges and clerks of election shall  
76 make returns to the county unit board of education and shall see

77 that the ballots and proper forms are distributed to the four (4)  
78 voting precincts of the county involved.

79 7. Canvass. The ballots cast in any election for  
80 membership of the intermediate board of education shall be counted  
81 by the judges of election and return thereof shall be made by the  
82 judges on forms provided therefor to the secretary of the county  
83 unit school district within forty (40) hours after the closing  
84 of the polls. Within five (5) days following the election the  
85 secretary of the county unit school district shall make return  
86 of the votes cast in said county to the county unit board of  
87 education on forms provided therefor, which board shall meet  
88 at ten (10:00) a. m., on the last Monday in June and canvass  
89 the vote and issue certificate of election and so advise the  
90 intermediate board of education.

91 8. Oath, expenses. The members of the board shall qualify  
92 by taking the oath required of county officers which shall not be  
93 required to give bond. They shall serve without compensation, but  
94 shall be paid their actual and necessary expenses, including  
95 travel in performing their duties. All such claims shall be  
96 audited by the board and paid by the intermediate board of  
97 education from funds so provided.

98 9. Organization. The intermediate board of education shall  
99 meet and organize on the first (1st) day of July in each and  
100 every year at ten (10:00) a. m., by electing a president for  
101 a term of one (1) year.

102 10. Regular meetings. The board shall meet regularly  
103 four (4) times each year according to a schedule adopted at the  
104 organization meeting and shall meet in special session upon call  
105 of the president or upon call of the secretary when his request

106 is filed with the secretary and signed by two (2) members of the  
107 board.

108 11. Office space. The intermediate board of education shall  
109 meet according to a schedule fixed at their annual organizational  
110 meeting and shall have the right to provide office space for  
111 themselves at a site that they shall select as an expense of the  
112 intermediate board of education.

113 12. Powers and duties—general. The intermediate board  
114 shall exercise such powers as are specifically assigned to it by  
115 law. In general, their powers and duties shall relate in matters  
116 affecting the intermediate school system as a whole, rather than  
117 specific details relating to individual schools or county unit  
118 school districts. It shall be the duty of the intermediate board,  
119 after considering the recommendations of the joint county  
120 intermediate superintendents of the intermediate district to  
121 exercise the following general powers:

122 a. The intermediate board shall determine and adopt such policies  
123 as are deemed necessary by it for the efficient operation and  
124 general improvement of the county unit school system.

125 b. The intermediate board shall adopt such rules and regulations  
126 as in its opinion will contribute to more orderly and efficient  
127 operation of the county unit school system.

128 c. The intermediate board shall adopt such minimum standards as  
129 are considered desirable by it for improving the county unit  
130 school system.

131 d. The intermediate board shall have the power to perform these  
132 duties and exercise these responsibilities which are assigned  
133 to it by law and which are not in conflict with the powers and  
134 duties assigned to the county unit board by law in order to

135 improve the county unit school system and carry out the purposes  
136 and objectives of the school laws of Iowa.

137 e. The intermediate board shall constitute a board of appeals  
138 from decisions of the county unit school boards comprising the  
139 intermediate school district.

140 13. Specific duties. The intermediate board of education  
141 shall:

142 a. Appoint an intermediate superintendent of schools provided  
143 in this chapter and fix his salary. The board shall also fix  
144 traveling expenses of the superintendent. Upon recommendation  
145 of the intermediate superintendent the intermediate board may  
146 appoint an assistant intermediate superintendent and such other  
147 supervisors and clerical assistants as are deemed necessary and  
148 fix their salaries and duties. During the absence or disability  
149 of the superintendent, the assistant superintendent shall perform  
150 all of the duties of the intermediate superintendent.

151 b. Select an intermediate attendance officer, if deemed expedient  
152 and on recommendation of the intermediate superintendent, either  
153 on a part-or full-time basis and fix his duties and salary within  
154 limits prescribed by law.

155 c. Approve the curriculum as recommended by the intermediate  
156 superintendent in conformity with course of study prescribed  
157 by the state department of public instruction.

158 d. Purchase and provide such general school supplies, school  
159 board supplies and materials as are necessary in the conduct  
160 of office.

161 e. Adopt rules and regulations where deemed expedient and  
162 make provisions for establishing maintenance of an orderly  
163 intermediate school system.

164 f. Enforce all laws, rules and regulations of the state department  
165 of public instruction for the transportation of pupils to and  
166 from public schools in all county unit school districts of the  
167 intermediate district.

168 g. Act with the intermediate superintendent as an appeal board  
169 in and for all county unit school districts of the intermediate  
170 district in all matters properly brought before it as provided  
171 by law.

172 h. Cooperate with federal, state, county and municipal agencies  
173 and with the local school officers in territory adjacent to but  
174 outside of the intermediate district in all matters relating to  
175 the improvement of the educational program when deemed expedient.

176 i. At the regular or special meeting held between July first  
177 (1st) and July fifteenth (15th) consider the budget as submitted  
178 by the intermediate superintendent and certify to the board of  
179 supervisors of the counties embraced in the intermediate district  
180 the estimate of the amounts needed. Such estimates shall follow  
181 the budget procedure under chapter twenty-four (24) of the Code.  
182 The board of supervisors of the respective counties shall then  
183 levy a tax on all of the taxable property in the county for the  
184 amount certified and the money so raised shall go into a fund  
185 hereinafter called the intermediate board of education fund.

186 j. At each meeting of the board, audit all bills and claims  
187 upon which approval shall be paid by warrants of the district  
188 superintendent of schools, upon the written order of the secretary  
189 countersigned by the president from the intermediate board of  
190 education fund. All regular employees of the board shall be paid  
191 monthly by warrants drawn on the above fund by the intermediate  
192 superintendent.

193 k. With the assistance of the intermediate superintendent and  
194 the cooperation of the boards of the county unit school districts  
195 within the intermediate district, plan and supervise the orderly  
196 utilization of school facilities for more efficient attendance  
197 centers and use of specialized professional staff in the various  
198 counties comprising the intermediate district.

199 l. Cause to be published annually in the official newspapers in  
200 each of the counties a list of the bills and claims allowed with  
201 the name of each individual receiving such payment, the amount  
202 and the reason therefor.

203 14. District superintendent. In each intermediate district  
204 of the state, the intermediate board of education shall appoint  
205 a district superintendent whose term of office shall be for three  
206 (3) years from the first (1st) secular day in August following  
207 his election until his successor is elected and qualifies, and  
208 the first (1st) regular term under the provisions of this chapter  
209 shall begin on the first (1st) secular day in August, 1960. The  
210 president of the board shall certify the appointment to the state  
211 superintendent of public instruction.

212 15. Qualifications of superintendent. The intermediate  
213 superintendent may be of either sex, shall be a graduate of an  
214 accredited university or college with a masters degree, and shall  
215 be the holder of a superintendent's certificate having had at  
216 least five (5) years experience in administrative or supervisory  
217 work or in teaching, provided that anyone serving as a legal  
218 qualified superintendent on the first (1st) Monday in June, 1960,  
219 shall be deemed qualified to fill the office of intermediate  
220 superintendent. The qualifications of assistant intermediate  
221 superintendent shall be the same as for the intermediate

222 superintendent.

223 16. Oath and bond. The intermediate superintendent shall  
224 qualify by subscribing to the oath required of county officers  
225 and filing a bond as provided in section sixty-four point eight  
226 (64.8) of the Code.

227 17. Vacancies filled. Vacancy in the office of the  
228 intermediate superintendent shall be filled for the unexpired  
229 term by the intermediate board of education in the same manner  
230 in which the intermediate superintendent is regularly appointed  
231 for the unexpired term. If the vacancy is not filled by the  
232 intermediate board within forty (40) days, the superintendent of  
233 public instruction shall appoint an intermediate superintendent,  
234 subject to the approval of the state board of public instruction,  
235 who shall serve until the next regular election and until his  
236 successor is elected and qualifies.

237 18. Powers and duties of superintendent. The intermediate  
238 superintendent shall, under the direction of the board, exercise  
239 the following powers and duties:

240 a. Act as secretary, ex officio, and executive officer of the  
241 board.

242 b. Preside at the organization meeting of the intermediate board  
243 on the first (1st) day in July of each and every year and  
244 transmit to the state superintendent within two (2) weeks  
245 following such meeting, a certified copy of the proceedings of  
246 organization including the schedule of regular meetings, the  
247 names and addresses of all district school officials.

248 c. Attend all regular and special meetings of the intermediate  
249 board and advise the board in all questions under consideration.

250 d. Provide for keeping of minutes of all meetings of the board,

- 251 recording all proceedings and official actions and keeping such  
252 other records as may be necessary for the complete information  
253 regarding the schools under his administration and supervision.
- 254 e. Act with the intermediate board as custodian of all records,  
255 reports, documents, correspondence or other school property that  
256 may be placed in his charge by the board.
- 257 f. Advise and counsel the county unit board of education  
258 concerning their immediate problems and the general development  
259 of a long-time plan of education.
- 260 g. Supervise or arrange for supervision of instruction in schools  
261 of the intermediate system.
- 262 h. Conduct teachers meetings, institutes, demonstrations and  
263 other professional meetings for the in-service training of  
264 teachers as provided by law and in accordance with the  
265 regulations of the state department of public instruction.
- 266 i. Endeavor to promote through meetings and conferences with  
267 school officers, teachers, parents and the public generally by  
268 the distribution of pamphlets and bulletins and active interest  
269 in all desirable types of public education and suggest needed  
270 changes and improvements in the county unit school systems.
- 271 j. Submit to the intermediate school board for its approval,  
272 plans for the proper accounting of all children of school age,  
273 for the attendance and control of the pupils at school and for  
274 the proper attendance of health, safety and other matters which  
275 will best promote the welfare of the children of the intermediate  
276 district; provided that such pupil accounting practices shall be  
277 in keeping with the system established by the state department of  
278 public instruction.
- 279 k. Establish rules and regulations for admitting, classifying,

280 promoting and graduating pupils to or from various schools in the  
281 intermediate school systems within the limits prescribed by law.

282 l. Recommend for the adoption of the board, plans for procedure  
283 for enforcement of compulsory attendance laws and for the  
284 appointment of qualified attendance officers when the board deems  
285 the same to be necessary, desirable and supervise the work of the  
286 same when appointed.

287 m. Recommend plans and supervise the arrangement for periodical  
288 physical and dental examinations of all children of the county  
289 unit school systems and for the general promotion of health  
290 throughout the intermediate district.

291 n. Recommend plans for the establishment and maintenance of  
292 school libraries and school library services including the use  
293 of the state traveling library as are needed for the proper  
294 operation of the schools of the intermediate district.

295 o. Cooperate with the county unit boards of education and the  
296 intermediate board of education in developing adequate, efficient,  
297 safe and economical system of pupil transportation in the county  
298 and in the intermediate district.

299 p. Prepare and submit a detailed itemized budget for approval  
300 of the intermediate board of education prior to the first (1st)  
301 day of July of each year.

302 q. Assist all county unit school boards upon request in making  
303 budgets, certifying tax levies, and maintaining uniform accounting  
304 procedures.

305 r. Recommend to the board of educational examiners the revocation  
306 of any teacher's certificate for any good cause in the manner  
307 provided by law.

308 s. Assist the intermediate board of education in handling in the

309 manner prescribed by law all appeal cases that may come to it.

310 t. Serve under the direction of the superintendent of public  
311 instruction as a means of communication between the state  
312 department of public instruction and the various school officers  
313 and teachers in the intermediate district and transmit or deliver  
314 to them all books, papers, circulars and communication designed  
315 for them when so requested by the state superintendent of public  
316 instruction.

317 u. Visit each public school in the intermediate district at  
318 least once during each school year and when requested to do so by  
319 a majority of the directors of any county unit school district,  
320 visit the schools therein.

321 v. Visit and report upon at the request of the state  
322 superintendent of public instruction such schools as may be  
323 designated.

324 w. See that all provisions of the school law, so far as they  
325 relate to the schools, or school officers within his intermediate  
326 district, are observed and enforced, and to this end he may require  
327 the assistance of the county attorney in any of the counties  
328 involved who shall, at his request, bring any action necessary  
329 to enforce the law or recover penalties incurred.

330 x. Order to be closed, any public school or schoolroom taught  
331 by any teacher not certified as required by law. If his order  
332 is not immediately obeyed, he shall enforce the same against the  
333 teacher and the county unit school board by an action for a  
334 mandatory injunction in a court of competent jurisdiction.

335 y. When any school corporation is organized according to law,  
336 and no director has been elected, or any director elected has  
337 not qualified, or has qualified and resigned, so that the matters

338 of the completion of the organization of such school corporation  
339 is prevented and the objects of its organization are thereby  
340 defeated, appoint a director or board of directors of such  
341 corporation who shall act as such until their successors have  
342 been elected and qualify, and designate which term or terms  
343 each director appointed shall fill.

344 z. Report annually to the state superintendent of public  
345 instruction at times designated by the latter, giving a full  
346 abstract of the several reports made by him to the secretaries  
347 and treasurers of the county unit school boards stating the  
348 manner in and extent to which the requirements of the law  
349 regarding instruction in physiology and hygiene are observed  
350 and such other matters as he may be directed by the state  
351 superintendent to include therein, or he may think important  
352 in showing the actual condition of the schools in his district.  
353 He shall file a duplicate of such report with the various county  
354 unit boards of education and the intermediate boards of education.

355 aa. Keep accurate school census records for each of the counties  
356 and intermediate district and file annually on or before the  
357 last secular day in July with the county auditor of each county,  
358 a statement of number of persons of school age in each county  
359 and make such other reports thereon as may be required by law.

360 bb. Report on or before August first (1st) of each year to the  
361 superintendent of the school for the blind the name, age,  
362 residence and post office address of every person resident of  
363 each county within his intermediate district, without regard  
364 to age, so blind as to be unable to acquire an education in the  
365 common schools; to the superintendent of the school for the deaf,  
366 with corresponding detail, persons under the age of thirty-five

367 (35), whose faculties with respect to speech and hearing are so  
368 deficient as to prevent them from obtaining an education in the  
369 common schools; and to the institution for the feeble minded,  
370 all persons of school age, who, because of mental defects, are  
371 entitled to admission therein.

372 cc. Recommend to the county unit board of education teachers  
373 to be employed by them.

374 dd. Have the power to administer the oath of office to any  
375 school officer.

376 ee. The intermediate superintendent shall exercise any or all  
377 of the foregoing powers and duties and provide any or all of the  
378 foregoing services for any or all public schools.

379 19. Application limited. The powers and duties of the  
380 intermediate board and the intermediate superintendent heretofore  
381 enumerated shall be construed to apply only to the intermediate  
382 school system, except as otherwise specified.

383 20. Federal cooperation. The intermediate board of  
384 education or the school board of a county wherein is located  
385 an Indian reservation shall have the power to enter into a  
386 contract with the United States Government to operate and  
387 maintain a school or schools to be operated as a public school  
388 approved as provided for by the laws of this state for the  
389 purpose of educating Indian children. Expenses of such operation  
390 and maintenance shall be paid by the United States Government.

391 21. Penalty. Should the intermediate superintendent  
392 fail to make any report required of him by law to the state  
393 superintendent of public instruction or the county auditor, he  
394 shall forfeit to the school fund of each of the respective  
395 counties the sum of fifty (50) dollars to be recovered in action

396 brought by the respective counties for the use of the school fund  
397 and in addition shall be liable for all damages occasioned  
398 thereby.

1     Sec. 2. Chapter two hundred seventy-four (274), Code 1958,  
2 is hereby repealed and the following is enacted in lieu thereof:

3     1. Existing school district dissolved. Every school  
4 district of whatever kind or nature, be the same a rural  
5 independent school district, independent school district,  
6 community school district, consolidated school district, joint  
7 school district and every other kind or type of school district  
8 or educational district heretofore created and existing and  
9 operating under the provisions of the Code of Iowa, or any other  
10 law of the state of Iowa is hereby dissolved and disestablished  
11 as of July first (1st), 1960, and the functions of all such  
12 school districts and educational districts heretofore existing  
13 are hereby transferred to the county unit school district created  
14 by this chapter.

15     2. Creation of county unit school districts. The  
16 school districts of the state of Iowa shall hereafter consist of  
17 county unit school districts and intermediate school districts.  
18 The boundaries of the county unit school districts shall be  
19 conterminous with the boundaries of the counties of the state and  
20 the same are hereby created. Each county unit school district  
21 created by this chapter is hereby declared to be a political  
22 subdivision of the state of Iowa and its purpose is to  
23 administer the state system of public instruction. Each county  
24 unit school district shall have the power to sue and may be sued  
25 and this legislative declaration in no way constitutes a waiver  
26 of immunity to tort liability, express or otherwise.

27 3. Transfer of debts, liabilities and obligations, including  
28 bond indebtedness of the school districts and educational  
29 districts abolished by this chapter and heretofore existing,  
30 shall become and be the debts, liabilities and obligations  
31 of the county unit school districts whose territory includes  
32 the areas of the school districts and educational districts  
33 abolished by this chapter.

34 4. Names of school districts. Every county unit school  
35 district shall be designated by the name and style of "\_\_\_\_\_"  
36 county school district". (using the name of the county, the  
37 boundaries of which are conterminous with the boundaries of the  
38 county unit school district).

39 5. Powers and jurisdiction. Each county unit  
40 district heretofore created shall be a body politic as a school  
41 corporation after change as provided by law and as such may sue  
42 and be sued, hold property and exercise all the powers granted  
43 by law and shall have jurisdiction of all school matters over the  
44 territory therein contained.

45 6. General applicability. The provisions of law relative to  
46 county unit school districts shall apply alike to all districts  
47 except when otherwise clearly stated, but school boards shall  
48 not incur original indebtedness by the issuance of bonds until  
49 authorized by the voters of the school corporation.

50 7. Designations. Pupils that live at the time this Act  
51 becomes effective in joint districts and have been attending  
52 either public elementary or public high schools in a county other  
53 than that of their residence shall be designated to continue such  
54 attendance if they so request. All requests for change of  
55 designation shall be made to the county unit board of education

56 in the county of residence on or before July fifteenth (15th)  
57 and will remain the same from year to year except that on or  
58 before July fifteenth (15th) parents may petition the county unit  
59 board for change of designation. Designation for tuition includes  
60 designation for transportation.

61 8. Change of designation. The joint county unit board of  
62 education of counties affected shall, after due investigation,  
63 alter or change designation. Said investigations shall consider  
64 such items as distance of school, condition of roads and  
65 preference of the majority in the area. Appeals may be made by  
66 an aggrieved parent or a county unit board of education to the  
67 intermediate board of education and from the intermediate board  
68 of education to the state board of public instruction.

69 9. Tuition costs. The costs of tuition shall be paid by  
70 the county unit school district where the pupils reside to the  
71 district of school attendance within thirty (30) days following  
72 the end of each semester. Payment shall be made only upon  
73 approved designation. Tuition charged by a district shall be  
74 the actual per pupil cost of instruction in its elementary  
75 school, its junior high school, and its high school, as defined  
76 in chapter two hundred eighty-two (282) of the Code.

77 10. Directors. The territory of the entire county shall be  
78 divided by the county board of education prior to its dissolution  
79 into four (4) director districts as nearly as possible of equal  
80 size and contiguous territory. The director districts shall be  
81 designated as first (1st), second (2nd), third (3rd), and fourth  
82 (4th) director districts. One (1) director shall be elected from  
83 each of the four (4) director districts. Three (3) directors  
84 shall be elected at large, except that in counties with a

85 population exceeding fifty thousand (50,000) there shall be nine  
86 (9) directors, with five (5) directors elected at large. All  
87 directors shall be elected by the vote of the electors in the  
88 entire district.

89 11. Election of directors. A special election shall be  
90 called on the third (3rd) Monday in June of 1960, by the county  
91 superintendent of each county for the election of directors by  
92 giving notice by one (1) publication not less than ten (10) nor  
93 more than fifteen (15) days prior to the election in all official  
94 newspapers in the county. The county superintendent shall appoint  
95 judges, who shall serve without pay. The county superintendent  
96 shall designate the polling places for the special election and  
97 there shall be at least one (1) so designated in each of the four  
98 (4) director districts.

99 12. Organization. The new board shall organize between  
100 July first (1st) and July tenth (10th), 1960, following the  
101 election upon call of the county superintendent. The boards of  
102 the original districts shall hold office until the new board is  
103 organized.

104 13. Treasurer. The treasurer shall be elected for a two  
105 (2) year term beginning July first (1st), 1960, and the treasurer  
106 shall be elected from the district at large.

107 14. Terms of directors.

108 a. The term of office of each director shall be three (3) years,  
109 except as hereinafter provided.

110 b. In the first (1st) election in a county unit school district  
111 having seven (7) directors the three (3) elected with the fewest  
112 votes shall serve until the next regular election. The two (2)  
113 with the next fewest votes shall serve until the second (2nd)

114 next regular election and the remaining two (2) directors shall  
115 serve until the third (3rd) next regular election.

116 c. In the county unit school district having nine (9) directors,  
117 the same procedure shall be followed, except that three (3)  
118 directors will serve until the second (2nd) next regular election  
119 and three (3) until the third (3rd) next regular election.

120 15. Assets and liabilities. The assets and liabilities  
121 of the several districts shall merge into the county unit and  
122 shall become the assets of the county unit district created by  
123 this Act.

124 16. Division of assets and liabilities. Within thirty (30)  
125 days after the organization of the new county unit boards of  
126 education, those boards of education of county units adjacent to  
127 each other having former school districts which encompassed areas  
128 in both counties shall meet jointly and decide on distribution  
129 of the assets and liabilities of the school corporations or  
130 parts thereof that were formerly contained within their several  
131 boundaries. The county unit school corporation within which any  
132 existing building of any former school corporation is situated  
133 shall assume any bonded indebtedness attributable to said school  
134 building and said school building shall become a part of the  
135 county unit school district within which the same is situated.

136 17. Arbitration. If the county unit boards of education  
137 cannot agree on such division and distribution, the matters on  
138 which they differ shall be decided by disinterested arbitrators,  
139 one (1) selected by each board having an interest therein, and  
140 if the number thus selected is even, one (1) shall be added by the  
141 intermediate superintendent. The decision of the arbitrators  
142 shall be made in writing and filed with the secretary of the new

143 corporation and any party of the proceedings may appeal therefrom  
144 to the intermediate board of education by serving notice thereof  
145 on such secretary within twenty (20) days after the decision is  
146 filed. Such appeal shall be tried by the intermediate board of  
147 education who shall determine the entire matter, including the  
148 levy, collection and distribution, of any or all necessary taxes.  
149 Their decision may be appealed in the same manner to the state  
150 board of public instruction whose decision shall be final.

151 18. School buildings tax levy. The board of any county  
152 unit school system shall establish attendance centers and provide  
153 suitable buildings for each school in the county district and may  
154 at a regular or special meeting, call a special election and  
155 submit to the qualified electors of the county unit, a question  
156 of voting of tax or authorizing the board to issue bonds or both  
157 for any and all of the following purposes:

158 a. To secure sites, build, purchase or equip school buildings.

159 b. To build or purchase a superintendent's or teachers' house  
160 or houses.

161 c. To repair or improve any school building or grounds, or  
162 superintendent's house or houses or teachers' house or houses,  
163 when the cost will exceed ten thousand (10,000) dollars.

164 All moneys received for such purposes shall be placed in  
165 the schoolhouse fund of said corporation and shall be used only  
166 for such purposes.

167 19. Contracts not affected. The terms of employment of  
168 superintendents, principals and teachers for any current school  
169 year shall not be affected by this Act.

170 20. Minimum attendance numbers. No county unit school  
171 district shall operate any high school unit with less than three

172 hundred (300) high school pupils in attendance therein, unless  
173 there are less than three hundred (300) high school pupils in the  
174 entire county unit school district, and if any county unit school  
175 district does not meet these minimum requirements by July first  
176 (1st), 1964, then supplemental aid to school districts shall be  
177 withheld from such high school unit until the board of education  
178 of such county has complied with the said minimum requirements.

179 21. Sale of land to the government. Whenever the  
180 federal government or any agency or department thereof shall have  
181 heretofore located or shall hereafter locate in any county or  
182 ordnance plant or other project which may be deemed desirable  
183 for the development of national defense or for the purpose of  
184 flood control and for the purpose of so locating such plant or  
185 project shall hereofore determine or shall hereafter determine  
186 the real property and improvement thereon owned by school  
187 districts as required, the board of directors of such school  
188 district by resolution is hereby authorized to sell and convey  
189 such property at a price and upon terms as may be agreed upon,  
190 any such instruments of conveyance to be executed on behalf of  
191 such school district by the president of such district.

192 22. Application of proceeds of sale. The proceeds of sale  
193 of property of a school district under the authority granted in  
194 subsection sixteen (16) of section two (2) of this Act, shall  
195 be deposited with the treasurer of the school district and  
196 applied so far as necessary to the payment of outstanding  
197 indebtedness to such school district.

1 Sec. 3. Chapter two hundred seventy-five (275), Code 1958, is  
2 repealed. hereby

1     Sec. 4. Chapter two hundred seventy-seven (277), Code 1958, is  
2     repealed and the following is enacted in lieu thereof:

3     1. Regular election. The regular election shall be held  
4     annually on the third (3rd) Monday in June of each year in each  
5     county school system.

6     2. Special election. The board of directors of the county  
7     unit school system may call a special election at which election  
8     the voters shall have the powers exercised at the regular  
9     election with reference to the sale of school property and the  
10    application to be made with the proceeds and the authorization  
11    of a site and construction of necessary schoolhouse and for  
12    obtaining roads thereto.

13    3. Notice of election. There shall be written notice of  
14    all regular or special elections, which notice shall be not less  
15    than ten (10) days next preceding the day of the election except  
16    as otherwise provided in this section. It shall contain the date,  
17    the polling places, the hours during which the polls will be open,  
18    the number of directors or officers to be elected and the terms  
19    thereof, and such propositions as shall be submitted to and be  
20    determined by the voters.

21    In all school elections notice shall be by publication in  
22    each of the legal newspapers in the county, once each week for  
23    two (2) consecutive weeks preceding the election.

24    4. Nominations required. Nomination papers for all  
25    candidates for election to office in the county unit school  
26    district or in the intermediate school district shall be filed  
27    with the secretary of the county unit school board not earlier  
28    than thirty (30) days nor later than the noon of the tenth (10th)  
29    day prior to said election. Each candidate shall be nominated

30 by a petition signed by not less than twenty-five (25) qualified  
31 electors of the district. To each such petition shall be attached  
32 the affidavit of a qualified elector of the district, that all the  
33 signers thereof are electors of such district and that the  
34 signatures are genuine.

35 5. Precincts for voting. All county school corporations  
36 shall have at least four (4) voting precincts, one (1) being in  
37 each of the four (4) director units of said school corporation  
38 and such other voting precincts as the county unit board of  
39 education feels necessary.

40 6. Polling places. In all school corporations the board  
41 shall determine the suitable polling place in each precinct.  
42 Each polling place shall be, when practicable, the same place  
43 used for the said last city or state election.

44 7. Printed ballots required. In all school corporations,  
45 the secretary shall cause to be printed and delivered to the  
46 several polling places a sufficient number of ballots printed  
47 on plain substantial paper of uniform quality with no party  
48 designation or mark thereon. Such ballots shall contain in  
49 alphabetical order the names of all candidates for each office,  
50 filed as provided by law, and a blank line for each officer to  
51 be elected. There shall be at the left of each name and each  
52 blank line a square and there shall also be a direction to the  
53 voters as to the number of candidates to be voted for at said  
54 school election.

55 8. Opening of polls. In all school corporations the polls  
56 shall open at seven (7:00) a. m. and close at seven (7:00) p. m.

57 9. Judges of election. The board of education of each  
58 county unit school district shall appoint three (3) voters of

59 each voting precinct as judges of election and one (1) voter of  
60 the precinct as clerk thereof. Not more than one (1) member of  
61 the board shall act as such judge in any one (1) voting precinct.  
62 If any person so appointed is absent or refuses to serve, the  
63 judge or judges attending shall fill the place by appointment  
64 of any voter present. Should all of the appointees fail to  
65 qualify their place shall be filled by the voters from those  
66 in attendance.

67 10. Oath required of judges and clerks. All judges and  
68 clerks shall qualify before opening of the polls by taking the  
69 oath as provided for in sections forty-nine point seventy-five  
70 (49.75) and forty-nine point seventy-six (49.76) of the Code.

71 11. Right to vote. To have the right to vote at a school  
72 election a person shall have the same qualifications as for  
73 voting in a general election and must have been for ten (10)  
74 days prior to such school election an actual resident of the  
75 corporation and voting precinct in which he offers a vote.

76 12. Method of voting. Voting at all school elections shall  
77 be by ballot or by voting machine.

78 13. Ballot box, voting machines, pool books. The board  
79 shall provide the necessary ballot box or voting machine and  
80 poll books for each precinct.

81 14. Voting machines. Voting machines may be used for all  
82 school elections in all precincts where the same are in use. At  
83 general elections the names of the candidates and propositions to  
84 be voted upon shall be arranged thereon as provided by law. The  
85 state and county, or either, as the case may be, shall without  
86 charge permit the use for school elections of voting machines  
87 used at general elections and the same shall be used according

88 to the general election laws so far as applicable.

89 15. Canvassing the votes. In all school corporations  
90 judges shall canvass the votes and make and certify returns to  
91 the secretary of the corporation the votes cast for officers and  
92 on each question submitted. In all school corporations it shall  
93 be the duty of the secretary to cause a permanent record to be  
94 made of the vote on each officer and on each proposition  
95 submitted to the electors.

96 16. Canvassing returns. On the next Monday after the  
97 election in each corporation the county unit school board of  
98 education shall canvass the returns made to the secretary,  
99 ascertain the result of the voting with regard to every matter  
100 voted upon, declare the same, cause a record to be made thereof  
101 and at once issue certificate of each person elected.

102 17. Tie vote. If there is a tie vote for an elective  
103 school officer in any school corporation, the board canvassing  
104 returns shall decide the election by lot substantially as  
105 provided in section fifty point forty-four (50.44) of the Code.

106 18. Contested elections. School elections may be contested  
107 as provided by law for the contesting of other elections.

108 19. Oath required. Each director or officer elected at any  
109 school election shall qualify by taking the oath of office on or  
110 before the time set for the organization meeting of the board the  
111 first (1st) day of July and his election and qualification entered  
112 of record by the secretary. The oath may be administered by any  
113 qualified member of the board, secretary of the board or the  
114 county unit superintendent of schools or the intermediate  
115 superintendent of schools and may be taken in substantially the  
116 following form:

117 "Do you solemnly swear that you will support the constitution  
118 of the United States and the constitution of the state of Iowa;  
119 that you will faithfully and impartially to the best of your  
120 ability discharge the duties of the office of ..... (naming the  
121 office) in ..... (naming the district) as now or  
122 hereafter required by law?"

123 If the oath of office is taken elsewhere than in the  
124 presence of the board in session, it may be administered by any  
125 officer listed in section seventy-eight point one (78.1) of  
126 the Code and shall be subscribed by the person taking it in  
127 substantially the following form:

128 "I, ..... do solemnly swear that I will support  
129 the constitution of the United States and the constitution  
130 of the state of Iowa and that I will faithfully and impartially  
131 to the best of my ability discharge the duties of the office of  
132 \_\_\_\_\_ (naming the office) in \_\_\_\_\_  
133 (naming the district) as now or hereafter required by law."

134 Such oath shall be properly verified by the administering  
135 officer and filed with the secretary of the board.

136 The treasurer elected at a regular election in each county  
137 unit school district shall qualify by taking the oath of office  
138 in the manner herein required and filing a bond as required by  
139 section two hundred ninety-one point two (291.2) of the Code  
140 within ten (10) days after the first (1st) secular day in July  
141 following his election.

142 20. Vacancies. Failure to elect at the proper election or  
143 to appoint within the time fixed by law or the failure of the  
144 officer elected or appointed to qualify within the time prescribed  
145 by law; the incumbent ceasing to be a resident of the district;

146 the resignation or death of incumbent or of the officer-elect;  
147 the removal of the incumbent from or forfeiture of his office or  
148 the decision of a competent tribunal declaring his office vacant;  
149 the conviction of the incumbent of an infamous crime, or of any  
150 public offense involving the violation of his oath of office, shall  
151 constitute a vacancy.

152 21. Vacancies filled by election. When vacancies are to be  
153 filled at a regular election, the election shall be for the number  
154 of years required to fill the vacancy until his successor is elected  
155 or appointed or qualified.

156 22. Surrendering office. Each school officer or member of the  
157 board, upon termination of his term, shall immediately surrender  
158 to his successor all books, papers and monies pertaining or  
159 belonging to the office, taking a receipt therefor.

160 23. Penalties. Any school officer willfully violating any  
161 or all rules relative to common schools or willfully failing or  
162 refusing to perform any duty imposed by law shall forfeit and  
163 pay into the treasury of the particular school corporation in which  
164 the violation occurred, the sum of twenty-five (25) dollars, action  
165 to recover which shall be brought in the name of the proper school  
166 corporation and be applied to the use of the school therein.

167 24. Application of general election laws. So far as  
168 applicable, all laws relating to the conduct of the general  
169 election and voting thereat and the violation of such laws  
170 shall, except as otherwise in this chapter provided, apply to  
171 and govern all school elections.

1 Sec. 5. Section two hundred seventy-eight point two (278.2),  
2 Code 1958, is hereby repealed and the following is enacted in lieu  
3 thereof:

4 "Submission of proposition. The board, and upon the written  
5 request of twenty-five (25) eligible voters of said district, shall  
6 provide in the notice for the regular election for submitting any  
7 proposition authorized by law to voters. All propositions shall  
8 be voted upon by ballot or by voting machine where required in  
9 substantially the form indicated in sections forty-nine point forty-five  
10 (49.45) and forty-nine point forty-seven (49.47) of the Code or  
11 indicate on the voting machine, as the case may be."

1 Sec. 6. Section two hundred seventy-eight point three  
2 (278.3), Code 1958, is hereby repealed.

1 Sec. 7. Section two hundred seventy-nine point one (279.1),  
2 Code 1958, is hereby amended by striking in lines five (5) and  
3 six (6), the words, "on the third Monday in March each  
4 year" and by inserting in lieu thereof, "on the first (1st)  
5 Monday in July".

1 Sec. 8. Section two hundred seventy-nine point three (279.3),  
2 Code 1958, is hereby amended by striking in lines four (4), five  
3 (5), and six (6), the words, "It shall also, except in districts  
4 composed in whole or in part of a city or town, appoint a  
5 treasurer".

1 Sec. 9. Section two hundred seventy-nine point six (279.6),  
2 Code 1958, is hereby amended by striking in line six (6) the  
3 words, "the third Monday in March" and by inserting in lieu  
4 thereof the words, "the first (1st) Monday in July".

1 Sec. 10. Section two hundred seventy-nine point seven  
2 (279.7). Code 1958, is hereby amended by striking in lines ten  
3 (10) and eleven (11) the words, "subdistrict or subdistricts,  
4 as the case may be."

1 Sec. 11. Section two hundred seventy-nine point fourteen

2 (279.14), Code 1958, is hereby amended by striking in lines two  
3 (2), three (3), and four (4), the words, "of any independent school  
4 district or school township where there is a township high school"  
5 and by inserting in lieu thereof the words, "of the county unit  
6 school district".

1 Sec. 12. Section two hundred seventy-nine point fifteen  
2 (279.15), Code 1958, is hereby amended as follows:

3 1. By striking from line nineteen (19) the word, "county"  
4 and by inserting in lieu thereof the word, "intermediate".

5 2. By striking from line twenty-three (23) the word, "county"  
6 and by inserting in lieu thereof the word, "intermediate".

7 3. By striking from line thirty-two (32) the word, "county"  
8 and by inserting in lieu thereof the word, "intermediate".

1 Sec. 13. Section two hundred seventy-nine point seventeen  
2 (279.17), Code 1958, is hereby amended as follows:

3 1. By striking from line five (5) the word, "county" and  
4 by inserting in lieu thereof the word, "intermediate".

5 2. By striking from line ten (10) the word, "county" and  
6 by inserting in lieu thereof the word, "intermediate".

1 Sec. 14. Section two hundred seventy-nine point eighteen  
2 (279.18), Code 1958, is hereby amended as follows:

3 1. By striking from line thirty-nine the words, "county  
4 board" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words, "intermediate  
5 board".

6 2. By striking from line forty-two (42) the words, "county  
7 board" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words, "intermediate  
8 board".

9 3. By striking from line forty-six (46) the words, "county  
10 board" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words, "intermediate

11 board”.

1 Sec. 15. Sections two hundred seventy-nine point twenty-two  
2 (279.22) and two hundred seventy-nine point twenty-nine (279.29),  
3 Code 1958, are hereby repealed.

1 Sec. 16. Section two hundred seventy-nine point thirty  
2 (279.30), Code 1958, is hereby amended as follows:

3 1. By striking in lines two (2) and three (3) the words,  
4 “school township” and by inserting in lieu thereof the words,  
5 “county school unit”.

6 2. By striking from lines four (4), five (5), and six (6)  
7 the words, “who retired in the preceding March, and the  
8 board of each independent school corporation,”.

1 Sec. 17. Section two hundred seventy-nine point thirty-two  
2 (279.32), Code 1958, is hereby amended by striking from lines  
3 two (2) and three (3) the words, “consolidated district and in  
4 each independent city or town” and by inserting in lieu thereof  
5 the words, “county school unit”.

1 Sec. 18. Section two hundred seventy-nine point thirty-three  
2 (279.33), Code 1958, is hereby repealed.

1 Sec. 19. Section two hundred seventy-nine point thirty-four  
2 (279.34), Code 1958, is hereby amended by striking from lines  
3 two (2) through five (5) the words “consolidated district and in  
4 each independent city or town school district, except districts  
5 of over one hundred twenty-five thousand population”,  
6 and by inserting in lieu thereof the words, “county school unit”.

1 Sec. 20. Section two hundred seventy-nine point thirty-six  
2 (279.36), Code 1958, is hereby amended as follows:

3 1. By striking from lines two (2) and three (3) the words,  
4 “the director of any subdistrict” and by inserting in lieu

5 thereof the words, "intermediate superintendent".

6 2. By striking in line four (4) the words, "county  
7 superintendent" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words,  
8 "intermediate superintendent".

1 Sec. 21. Paragraph c of subsection one (1) of section two  
2 hundred eighty-five point one (285.1), Code 1958, is hereby  
3 amended by striking lines one (1) through seven (7) inclusive.

1 Sec. 22. Section two hundred eighty-five point nine (285.9),  
2 Code 1958, is hereby amended as follows:

3 1. By striking from lines one (1) and two (2) the words,  
4 "the powers and duties of the respective county boards of  
5 education" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words, "Powers  
6 and duties of the respective intermediate boards of education".

7 2. By striking from lines one (1) through four (4) of  
8 subsection two (2) the words, "Review and approve all  
9 transportation arrangements between districts in the county and  
10 in all districts in the county not operating high schools" and  
11 by inserting in lieu thereof the words, "Review and approve all  
12 transportation arrangements between county school units."

1 Sec. 23. Section two hundred eighty-five point ten (285.10),  
2 Code 1958, is hereby amended by striking subsection eight (8)  
3 and by inserting in lieu thereof the following: "A board shall  
4 be eligible to purchase busses as follows: Boards of each county  
5 school unit may purchase busses needed to provide such  
6 transportation".

1 Sec. 24. Section two hundred eighty-five point twelve  
2 (285.12), Code 1958, is hereby amended as follows:

3 1. By striking from line six (6) the word, "county" and  
4 by inserting in lieu thereof the word, "intermediate".

- 5     2. By striking from line nine (9) the word, "county" and  
6 by inserting in lieu thereof the word, "intermediate".
- 7     3. By striking from line twenty (20) the word, "county"  
8 and by inserting in lieu thereof the word, "intermediate".
- 9     4. By striking from line twenty-three (23) the word,  
10 "county" and by inserting in lieu thereof the word "intermediate".
- 11    5. By striking from line twenty-five (25) the word,  
12 "county" and by inserting in lieu thereof the word "intermediate".
- 13    6. By striking from line twenty-nine (29) the word,  
14 "county" and by inserting in lieu thereof the word "intermediate".
- 15    7. By striking from line thirty-three (33) the word,  
16 "county" and by inserting in lieu thereof the word "intermediate".
- 17    8. By striking from line thirty-eight (38) the word,  
18 "county" and by inserting in lieu thereof the word "intermediate".
- 19    9. By striking from line forty-three (43) the word,  
20 "county" and by inserting in lieu thereof the word "intermediate".
- 21    10. By striking from line fifty-four (54) the word,  
22 "county" and by inserting in lieu thereof the word "intermediate".

1     Sec. 25. Section two hundred eighty-five point thirteen  
2 (285.13), Code 1958, is hereby amended by striking from line  
3 three (3) the word, "county" and by inserting in lieu thereof  
4 the word, "intermediate".

1     Sec. 26. Section eleven point eighteen (11.18), Code 1958,  
2 is hereby amended as follows:

- 3     1. By striking from lines three (3), four (4), five (5),  
4 six (6), and seven (7) the words, "other than those in rural and  
5 village independent districts and school townships and all  
6 consolidated school districts and independent school districts  
7 in cities and towns of less than five thousand population".

1     Sec. 27. Section two hundred eighty point seventeen  
2     (280.17), Code 1958, is hereby amended as follows:  
3     1. By striking from lines six (6) through fourteen (14)  
4     the words, "Whenever the board in a school township establishes  
5     a high school, such high school can be discontinued only by an  
6     affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast for and against  
7     such proposition at an election which may be called by the county  
8     superintendent of schools upon a petition for such election being  
9     presented signed by twenty-five percent of the electors in such  
10    township."

1     Sec. 28. Section two hundred eighty-eight point three  
2     (288.3), Code 1958, is hereby amended as follows:  
3     1. By striking from lines one (1) through six (6) the words,  
4     "If such evening school is a branch of a city or town school,  
5     the same shall be under the supervision of the superintendent  
6     of such city or town school; if not, the same shall be under the  
7     supervision of the county superintendent. ", and by inserting in  
8     lieu thereof the words, "Such evening school shall be under the  
9     supervision of the county unit superintendent."

1     Sec. 29. Section two hundred ninety point one (290.1), Code  
2     1958, is hereby amended as follows:

3     1. By striking from line seven (7) the words, "county  
4     superintendent" and inserting in lieu thereof the words,  
5     "intermediate superintendent".

6     2. By striking from lines seven (7) and eight (8)  
7     the words, "proper county" and inserting in lieu thereof the  
8     words, "proper intermediate district".

9     3. By striking from lines nine (9) and ten (10) the words,  
10    "county superintendent" and by inserting in lieu thereof the

11 words, "intermediate superintendent".

1 Sec. 30. Section two hundred ninety point two (290.2),

2 Code 1958, is hereby amended as follows:

3 1. By striking from line two (2) the words, "county  
4 superintendent" and inserting in lieu thereof the words,  
5 "intermediate superintendent".

6 2. By striking from lines seven (7) and eight (8) the words,  
7 "county superintendent" and inserting in lieu thereof the words,  
8 "intermediate superintendent".

9 3. By striking from lines ten (10) and eleven (11) the words,  
10 "county superintendent" and inserting in lieu thereof the words,  
11 "intermediate superintendent".

1 Sec. 31. Section two hundred ninety point three (290.3),

2 Code 1958, is hereby amended as follows:

3 1. By striking from lines five (5) and six (6) the words,  
4 "county superintendent" and inserting in lieu thereof the words,  
5 "intermediate superintendent".

1 Sec. 32. Section two hundred ninety point four (290.4),

2 Code 1958, is hereby amended as follows:

3 1. By striking from line two (2) the words, "county  
4 superintendent" and inserting in lieu thereof the words,  
5 "intermediate superintendent".

1 Sec. 33. Section two hundred ninety point five (290.5),

2 Code 1958, is hereby amended as follows:

3 1. By striking from lines two (2) and three (3) the words,  
4 "county superintendent" and inserting in lieu thereof the words,  
5 "intermediate superintendent".

6 2. By striking from lines six (6) and seven (7) the words:

7 "county superintendent" and inserting in lieu thereof the words,

8 "intermediate superintendent".

9 3. By striking from line nine (9) the words, "county  
10 superintendent" and inserting in lieu thereof the words,  
11 "intermediate superintendent".

1 Sec. 34 Section two hundred ninety-two point two (292.2),  
2 Code 1958, is hereby repealed and the following is enacted in  
3 lieu thereof:

4 "Purchase of books—distribution. Between the first (1st)  
5 Monday of July and the first (1st) day of October in each year  
6 the county unit board of education shall expend all money withheld  
7 by the auditor as provided in section two hundred ninety-two point  
8 one (292.1) for the purchase of books for the use of the county  
9 unit school district. The county unit board of education may  
10 distribute the books thus purchased to the librarians of the  
11 several schools in the district in the proportion and in the manner  
12 that they see fit and may, if they so desire, adopt the circulating  
13 library method in whole or in part."

1 Sec. 35. Section two hundred ninety-two point three (292.3),  
2 Code 1958, is hereby repealed.

1 Sec. 36. Section two hundred ninety-two point six (292.6),  
2 Code 1958, is hereby amended as follows:

3 1. By striking from lines three (3) and four (4) the words,  
4 "independent districts and director in subdistricts in school  
5 townships" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words, "county  
6 unit school districts".

1 Sec. 37. Section two hundred ninety-three point three (293.3),  
2 Code 1958, is hereby amended as follows:

3 1. By striking from lines four (4) and five (5) the words,  
4 "county superintendent" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words,

5 "intermediate superintendent".

1 Sec. 38. Section two hundred ninety-seven point eight  
2 (297.8), Code 1958, is hereby amended as follows:

3 1. By striking from lines eleven (11) and twelve (12) the  
4 words, "county superintendent" and by inserting in lieu thereof  
5 the words, "intermediate superintendent".

1 Sec. 39. Section three hundred one point eight (301.8),  
2 Code 1958, is hereby amended as follows:

3 1. By striking from lines ten (10) and eleven (11) the words,  
4 "county superintendent, or, in case of city independent districts,  
5 with the city superintendent" and by inserting in lieu thereof the  
6 words, "intermediate superintendent".

1 Sec. 40. Section three hundred one point ten (301.10),  
2 Code 1958, is hereby amended as follows:

3 1. By striking from lines five (5) and six (6) the words,  
4 "county superintendent" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words,  
5 "intermediate superintendent".

6 2. By striking from line ten (10) the word, "county" and  
7 inserting in lieu thereof the word, "intermediate".

1 Sec. 41. Section three hundred one point nineteen (301.19),  
2 Code 1958, is hereby repealed.

1 Sec. 42. Section three hundred one point twenty (301.20),  
2 Code 1958, is hereby repealed.

1 Sec. 43. This Act being deemed  
2 of immediate importance shall take effect and be in  
3 full force from and after its passage and publication in  
4 \_\_\_\_\_, a newspaper published in  
5 \_\_\_\_\_, Iowa, and

6 \_\_\_\_\_, a newspaper published in

7 \_\_\_\_\_, Iowa.

EXPLANATION OF HOUSE FILE 354

This Act will dissolve and disestablish all heretofore existing school districts and county school systems as of July first (1st), 1960, and the functions of all such school districts and educational districts heretofore existing are hereby transferred to the ninety-nine (99) county school units hereby created, which said county school units are conterminous with the boundaries of each of the counties in the state and which said county school units are hereby created and intermediate school districts of which there shall be twenty (20), each consisting of five (5) counties, except the district containing Polk County, which said district shall consist of four (4) counties. These intermediate school districts shall have the function of supervising and assisting the county school units and provide a basis of appeal from actions of the county unit boards of education.

This Act will reduce the number of school districts to ninety-nine (99) county school units and twenty (20) intermediate school districts, thus making for more efficient use of educational facilities in the state of Iowa. School districts are creatures of the legislature and the legislature has power to create and the power to dissolve.

This Act will eliminate the bitter rivalry for prize territories and the refusal of various districts to take on existing rural and independent districts which are liabilities and will equalize the tax burdens of the state and promote for more efficient utilization of tax dollars levied for school purposes. Existing reorganized districts are hereby dissolved and will be absorbed in the county units and the Act provides for boundary school attendance centers of one (1) county to receive tuition students from another county so that attendance centers on the boundaries of counties can still be effectively utilized and administered.

This Act will also make uniform in a taxing district the assessing of property as each county has a county assessor and staff.



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