

Sec. 2. Sections 282.18, 282.22, 282.23, and 282.25, Code 1981, are repealed.

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## CHAPTER 91

### JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARDS MEETINGS BEFORE BONDS ISSUED

H. F. 724

AN ACT to modify the requirement that boards of directors of districts proposing to issue general obligation bonds for school building construction or renovation must hold a meeting with the area education agency boards and boards of adjoining school districts.

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

Section 1. Section 296.3, Code 1981, is amended to read as follows:

296.3 ELECTION CALLED. The president of the board of directors on receipt of such a petition under section 296.2 shall, within ten days after ~~receiving--the--recommendations~~ considering the suggestions of the area education agency board, or the board of a district contiguous to the district for which the petition is received, under section 297.7, subsection 3, call a meeting of the board which shall call ~~such~~ the election, fixing the time ~~thereof~~ of the election, which may be at the time and place of holding the regular school election. The president shall notify the county commissioner of elections of the time of the election.

Sec. 2. Section 297.7, subsection 3, Code 1981, is amended to read as follows:

3. Before an election is held on the issuance of general obligation bonds for the construction or renovation of any a school building, immediately upon receipt of a petition filed under section 296.2, the board shall inform the board of the area education agency in which the school district is located. The ~~chairperson~~ administrator of the area education agency shall ~~call--a meeting--of--the--boards--of--directors--of--the--school--district--proposing--the issuance--of--general--obligation--bonds,~~ send information about the construction or renovation by regular mail to the boards of school districts contiguous to that the school district proposing the issuance of general obligation bonds, and to the board of the area education agency. Within twenty days following receipt of the information, the area education agency board or the board of a school district contiguous to the district making the proposal may request a meeting with the board of the district making the proposal for the purpose of discussing enrollment trends of that school district and school districts contiguous to it and solutions to the enrollment changes in the various school districts, including the possibility of school district

reorganization. The meeting shall be held within thirty ten days following the notification--of--the--board--of--the--area--education--agency--in--which--the--school--district--is--located request for the meeting. The If the area education agency board or both the area education agency board and the board of a school district contiguous to the district making the proposal request the meeting, the chairperson of the board of the area education agency shall preside at the meeting unless the chairperson is a resident of the school district proposing the issuance of general obligation bonds. In that case, the vice chairperson shall preside at the meeting. If the board of a school district contiguous to the district making the proposal requests the meeting, a member of the area education agency board selected by the area education agency board shall preside at the meeting.

Immediately following discussion at the meeting, the board of directors of the area education agency shall convene to make recommendations concerning alternative solutions to the construction or renovation of the school building which shall be made to the school district proposing to issue general obligation bonds. The recommendations shall be received by the board of the school district proposing the issuance of general obligation bonds not later than three days following the date of the meeting.

The school district shall consider the recommendations of the board of the area education agency suggestions made at the meeting relating to alternative solutions to the construction or renovation of the school building before setting a date for the election to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds.

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CHAPTER 92  
SCHOOLHOUSE FUND USES  
S. F. 86

AN ACT relating to the uses of unencumbered funds in the schoolhouse fund collected under the levy provided in section 297.5 prior to July 1, 1981, and providing that the Act takes effect upon publication.

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

Section 1. Section 297.5, Code 1981, is amended by adding the following new unnumbered paragraph after unnumbered paragraph 1:

NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH. Notwithstanding section 291.13, unencumbered funds collected from the levy authorized in this section prior to July 1, 1981, may also be expended for the purposes defined in this section.

Sec. 2. This Act, being deemed of immediate importance, takes effect from and after its publication in *The Montezuma Republican*, a newspaper published