

CHAPTER 1232
WAREHOUSES AND DISTRIBUTION CENTERS
S.F. 2043

AN ACT to provide a partial property tax exemption for warehouses and distribution centers on which improvements have been made and allow cities and counties to contract with persons whose real property is exempt or partially exempt from property taxation to provide certain services.

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

Section 1. Chapter 364, Code 1983, is amended by adding the following new section:

NEW SECTION. A city council or county board of supervisors may enter into a contract with a person whose property is totally or partially exempt from taxation under chapter 404, section 427.1, or section 427B.1, for the city or county to provide specified services to that person including but not limited to police protection, fire protection, street maintenance, and waste collection. The contract shall terminate as of the date previously exempt property becomes subject to taxation.

Sec. 2. Section 427B.1, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 1983, is amended to read as follows:

A city council, or a county board of supervisors as authorized by section 427B.2, may provide by ordinance for a partial exemption from property taxation of the actual value added to industrial real estate by the new construction of industrial real estate, warehouses, distribution centers and the acquisition of or improvement to machinery and equipment assessed as real estate pursuant to section 427A.1, subsection 1, paragraph "e". New construction means new buildings and structures and includes new buildings and structures which are constructed as additions to existing buildings and structures. New construction does not include reconstruction of an existing building or structure which does not constitute complete replacement of an existing building or structure or refitting of an existing building or structure, unless the reconstruction of an existing building or structure is required due to economic obsolescence and the reconstruction is necessary to implement recognized industry standards for the manufacturing and processing of specific products and the reconstruction is required for the owner of the building or structure to continue to competitively manufacture or process those products which determination shall receive prior approval from the city council of the city or the board of supervisors of the county upon the recommendation of the Iowa development commission. The exemption shall also apply to new machinery and equipment assessed as real estate pursuant to section 427A.1, subsection 1, paragraph "e", unless the machinery or equipment is part of the normal replacement or operating process to maintain or expand the existing operational status. Warehouse means a building or structure used as a public warehouse for the storage of goods pursuant to sections 554.7101 through 554.7603, except that it does not mean a building or structure used primarily to store raw agricultural products or from which goods are sold at retail. Distribution center means a building or structure used primarily for the storage of goods which are intended for subsequent shipment to retail outlets. Distribution center does not mean a building or structure used primarily to store raw

agricultural products, used primarily by a manufacturer to store goods to be used in the manufacturing process, used primarily for the storage of petroleum products, or used for the retail sale of goods.

Sec. 3. Section 427B.3, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 1983, is amended to read as follows:

The actual value added to industrial real estate for the reasons specified in section 427B.1 is eligible to receive a partial exemption from taxation for a period of five years. However, if property ceases to be classified as industrial real estate or ceases to be used as a warehouse or distribution center, the partial exemption for the value added shall not be allowed for subsequent assessment years. "Actual value added" as used in this chapter means the actual value added as of the first year for which the exemption is received, except that actual value added by improvements to machinery and equipment means the actual value as determined by the assessor as of January 1 of each year for which the exemption is received. The amount of actual value added which is eligible to be exempt from taxation shall be as follows:

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CHAPTER 1233
LEAVES OF ABSENCE
S.F. 190

AN ACT relating to leaves of absence for persons who are elected to municipal, county, state, or federal offices and providing penalties.

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

Section 1. **NEW SECTION.** LEAVE OF ABSENCE. A person who is elected to a municipal, county, state, or federal office shall, upon written application to the employer of that person, be granted a leave of absence from regular employment to serve in that office except where prohibited by the federal law. The leave of absence may be granted without pay and shall be granted without loss of net credited service and benefits earned. This section shall not be construed to require an employer to pay pension, health or other benefits during the leave of absence to an employee taking a leave of absence under this section.

A leave of absence for a person regularly employed pursuant to chapter 19A is subject to section 19A.18.

An employee shall not be prohibited from returning to regular employment before the period expires for which the leave of absence was granted. This section applies only to employers which employ twenty or more full-time persons. The leave of absence granted by this section need not exceed six years. The leave of absence granted by this section does not apply to an elective office held by the employee prior to the election.

Temporary substitute teachers and teachers hired on a temporary basis to replace teachers who have been granted leaves of absence pursuant to this section are not subject to the provisions of chapter 279 relating to the termination of continuing contracts.