

275.8 Cooperation of department of education planning joint districts.

Planning of joint districts shall be conducted in the same manner as planning for single districts, except as provided in this section. Studies and surveys relating to the planning of joint districts shall be filed with the area education agency in which one of the districts is located which has the greatest taxable property base. In the case of controversy over the planning of joint districts, the matter shall be submitted to the director of the department of education. Judicial review of the director's decision may be sought in accordance with the terms of the Iowa administrative procedure Act, chapter 17A. Notwithstanding the terms of that Act, petitions for judicial review must be filed within thirty days after the decision of the director. "*Joint districts*" means districts that lie in two or more adjacent area education agencies.

For purposes of this chapter the planning of joint districts is defined to include all of the following acts:

1. Preparation of a written joint plan in which contiguous territory in two or more area education agencies is considered as a part of a potential school district in the area education agency on behalf of which such plan is filed with the department of education by the area education agency board.
2. Adoption of the written joint plan at a joint session of the several area education agency boards in whose areas the territory is situated. A quorum of each of the boards is necessary to transact business. Votes shall be taken in the manner prescribed in section 275.16.
3. Filing said plan with the department of education.

For purposes of subsection 1 hereof, joint planning shall be evidenced by filing the following items with the department of education:

- a.* A plat of the entire area of such potential district.
- b.* A statement of the number of pupils residing within the area of said potential district enrolled in public schools in the preceding school year.
- c.* A statement of the assessed valuation of taxable property located within such potential district.
- d.* An affidavit signed on behalf of each of said boards of directors of area education agencies by a member of such board stating the boundaries as shown on such plat have been agreed upon by the respective boards as a part of the overall plan of school district reorganization of each such school.

[C46, 50, § 275.10, 276.4; C54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, § 275.8]

84 Acts, ch 1078, § 5; 86 Acts, ch 1245, § 1462; 2001 Acts, ch 24, §43, 44