

2A.6 Special distribution of legal publications — restrictions on free distributions.

1. The legislative services agency shall make free distribution of the printed versions of the official legal publications listed in [section 2A.5, subsection 2](#), subject to payment of any routine distribution costs such as but not limited to mailing and handling costs, to the three branches of state government, to elected county officers, to county and city assessors, to Iowa's congressional delegation, to federal courts in Iowa and federal judges and magistrates for Iowa, and to state and university depository libraries, the library of Congress, and the library of the United States supreme court. Only such officers, offices, and agencies entitled to or receiving free copies during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2002, and ending June 30, 2003,* shall be entitled to continue to receive free copies in subsequent years, except that successor and new officers, offices, and agencies shall receive a reasonable number of free copies as determined by the legislative services agency. Such officers, offices, and agencies shall annually review the number of copies received in the prior year to determine if the number of copies received can be reduced and shall submit the information in a report to the legislative services agency. The number of copies received, once reduced, shall not be increased to the previous level without the express consent of the legislative services agency.

2. Each officer, office, or agency receiving one or more free copies of a publication under [this section](#) shall only receive up to the number of copies indicated free at the time of initial distribution. If an officer, office, or agency receiving one or more free copies of a publication under [this section](#) desires additional copies beyond the number initially received, the officer, office, or agency must request the additional copies and pay the normal charge for such publication.

3. If a version of a publication provided under [this section](#) is available in an electronic format, the legislative services agency may establish policies providing for the substitution of an electronic version for the printed version of the publication, and for the amount of payment, if any, required for the electronic publication. The payment amount shall not be more than established pursuant to [section 2A.5](#) for the same publication. For the Iowa administrative code and its supplements, the legislative services agency may provide that the distribution requirement of [this section](#) is met by distributing relevant portions of the Iowa administrative code or its supplements in either a printed or electronic format.

4. Notwithstanding any provision of [this section](#) to the contrary, the legislative services agency may review the publication costs and offsetting sales revenues relating to legal publications in printed formats, and may establish policies requiring payment from persons otherwise entitled to receive them at no cost or at a price covering distribution costs pursuant to [subsection 1](#). The payment amount shall not be more than established pursuant to [section 2A.5](#) for the same publication.

2003 Acts, ch 35, §6, 49

Referred to in [§256.53](#)

*See §18.97, Code 2003