

356.43 Inspection — hearing — remedial action — report.

The Iowa department of corrections and its inspectors and agents shall make periodic inspections of each jail or municipal holding facility and all facilities established pursuant to chapter 356A, and officially notify the governing body of the political subdivision in writing to comply fully with section 356.36.

The Iowa department of corrections may order the governing body of a political subdivision to either correct violations found in the inspection of a jail or municipal holding facility within a designated period, or may prohibit the confinement of prisoners in the jail or municipal holding facility. If the governing body fails to comply with the order within the period designated, the Iowa department of corrections may schedule a hearing on the alleged violation. The department may subpoena witnesses, documents, and other information deemed necessary to determine the validity of the alleged violation. The department shall upon written request from the governing body of the political subdivision grant representatives of the political subdivision the right to appear before the department at the hearing. The representatives have the right to counsel and may produce witnesses and present statements, documents, and other information with respect to the alleged violation for consideration at the hearing.

The department after the hearing shall affirm, revoke, or modify the original order. If the order is upheld, the department may include a schedule for correction of the violations and designate the date by which each violation shall be corrected.

If the political subdivision does not comply with the order within the designated period, the department may petition the attorney general to institute proceedings to enjoin the political subdivision from confining prisoners in the jail or municipal holding facility and require the transfer of prisoners to a jail or municipal holding facility declared by the director to be suitable for confinement. The county or municipality from which prisoners are transferred is liable for the cost of transfer and expenditures incurred in the confinement of prisoners in the jail or municipal holding facility to which transferred. Following inspection of any jail or municipal holding facility, a report of the inspection shall be filed with the director of the Iowa department of corrections. A copy of the report shall also be filed with the sheriff or chief of police, the governing body of the political subdivision, and one copy with the county attorney, which shall be presented at the next session of the grand jury of that county.

[C66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §356.43]

83 Acts, ch 96, §115, 159; 84 Acts, ch 1127, §2