

**2B.12 Iowa Code.**

1. The legislative services agency shall control and maintain in a secure electronic repository custodial information used to publish the Iowa Code.

2. The legislative services agency shall publish an annual edition of the Iowa Code as soon as possible after the final adjournment of a regular or special session of a general assembly.

3. An edition of the Iowa Code shall contain each Code section in its new or amended form. However, a new section or amendment which does not take effect until after the probable publication date of a succeeding Iowa Code may be deferred for publication in that succeeding Iowa Code. The sections shall be inserted in each edition in a logical order as determined by the Iowa Code editor in accordance with the policies of the legislative council.

4. Each section of an Iowa Code shall be indicated by a number printed in boldface type and shall have an appropriate headnote printed in boldface type.

5. The Iowa Code shall include all of the following:

a. The Declaration of Independence.

b. The Articles of Confederation.

c. The Constitution of the United States.

d. The laws of the United States relating to the authentication of records.

e. The Constitution of the State of Iowa, original and codified versions.

f. The Act admitting Iowa into the union as a state.

g. The arrangement of the Code into distinct units, as established by the legislative services agency, which may include titles, subunits of titles, chapters, subunits of chapters, and sections, and subunits of sections. The distinct units shall be numbered and may include names.

h. All of the statutes of Iowa of a general and permanent nature, except as provided in [subsection 3](#).

i. A comprehensive method to search and identify its contents, including the text of the Constitution and statutes of the State of Iowa.

(1) An electronic version may include search and retrieval programming, analysis of titles and chapters, and an index and a summary index.

(2) A print version shall include an analysis of titles and chapters, and may include an index and a summary index.

6. The Iowa Code may include all of the following:

a. A preface.

b. A description of citations to statutes.

c. Abbreviations to other publications which may be referred to in the Iowa Code.

d. Appropriate historical references or source notes.

e. An analysis of the Code by titles and chapters.

f. Other reference materials as determined by the Iowa Code editor in accordance with any policies of the legislative council.

7. The Iowa Code may include appropriate tables showing the disposition of Acts of the general assembly, the corresponding sections from edition to edition of an Iowa Code, and other reference material as determined by the Iowa Code editor in accordance with policies of the legislative council.

8. In lieu of or in addition to publishing an annual edition of the Iowa Code, the legislative services agency, in accordance with the policies of the legislative council, may publish a supplement to the Iowa Code, as necessary or desirable, in a manner similar to the publication of an annual edition of the Iowa Code.

[C97, p. 5; S13, p. 3; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §168; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §14.12; [82 Acts, ch 1061, §2 – 4](#)]

[91 Acts, ch 258, §12](#)

C93, §2B.12

[94 Acts, ch 1107, §19](#); [2003 Acts, ch 35, §17, 49](#); [2005 Acts, ch 19, §2](#); [2010 Acts, ch 1031, §38 – 45](#); [2014 Acts, ch 1141, §40](#)

Referred to in [§2B.6](#)

Powers and duties of legislative council related to Code, see [§2.42](#)