

CHAPTER 1
DESCRIPTION

435—1.1(216A) Composition. The commission on the status of women consists of nine voting members appointed by the governor subject to confirmation by the senate; and five members serving as ex officio nonvoting members: one to be appointed by the speaker of the house from the membership of the house, one to be appointed by the minority leader of the house from the membership of the house, one to be appointed by the majority leader of the senate from the membership of the senate, one to be appointed by the minority leader of the senate from the membership of the senate, and one to be the director of the department of human rights. Commissioners are appointed to comply with Iowa Code section 69.16 regarding political affiliation and section 69.16A regarding gender balance.

The chairperson is a commission member elected by the commission. The commission has an executive director who is the administrator of the division on the status of women, department of human rights.

435—1.2(216A) Meetings. The commission meets at least six times each year and, additionally, holds special meetings on the call of the chair. A majority of the membership constitutes a quorum.

435—1.3(216A) Purpose. The commission studies the changing needs and problems of women as wives, mothers, workers, and volunteers and develops and recommends new programs and constructive action to the governor and the general assembly. The commission has no enforcement powers. Each year the commission files a report of its proceedings with the governor and the general assembly.

These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code sections 216A.51 to 216A.60.

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