



[SF 2293](#) – Iowa City State Historical Research Center (LSB5504SV)
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Description

[Senate File 2293](#) relates to the historical research facility located in Iowa City maintained by the Department of Administrative Services (DAS). The Bill removes the provision that requires the DAS to maintain a research center in Iowa City. The Bill takes effect upon enactment.

Background

Currently, under Iowa Code section [8A.707\(2\)\(b\)](#), the DAS is required to maintain historical research centers in Iowa City and Des Moines.

The Iowa City research center closed to the public on December 31, 2025. The Iowa City research facility employed two full-time and one part-time staff.

Assumptions

- The DAS estimates a savings of \$450,000 in FY 2027, which includes \$150,000 in utility costs and \$300,000 in staffing costs, by closing the Iowa City research center. The DAS reports that savings from the closure of the Iowa City research facility will maintain current minimum service levels at the SHSI building in Des Moines.
- The DAS estimates a one-time cost of approximately \$1.0 million over a 12-month to 18-month period to maintain the Iowa City facility while relocating the collection, which includes professional moving services, including informal labor and trucking estimates, operating costs, and costs for temporary storage. These costs may be incurred across multiple fiscal years.

Fiscal Impact

Senate File 2293 is estimated to have a one-time cost of approximately \$1.0 million to the DAS during the transition process.

Sources

Department of Administrative Services
State Historical Society of Iowa

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