

UNIFORM LANDLORD-TENANT ACT JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE  
OF THE  
STANDING COMMITTEES ON STATE GOVERNMENT

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## 1977 REPORT

### JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON UNIFORM LANDLORD-TENANT ACT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES ON STATE GOVERNMENT

#### Organization

The Subcommittee on Uniform Landlord-Tenant Act was established to review and recommend to the respective House and Senate Standing Committees on State Government legislative action regarding the nature and quality of Iowa's landlord-tenant laws and to review the need for a Mobile Home Landlord-Tenant Act.

The Subcommittee was instructed to specifically review the merits of House File 525, An Act adopting the Uniform Residential Landlord and Tenant Act, and House File 448, An Act to establish a Mobile Home Parks Residential Landlord and Tenant Act.

The members appointed were:

Senator Bob Rush, Co-chairperson  
Representative John Patchett, Co-chairperson  
Senator Lowell Junkins  
Senator Forrest Ashcraft  
Representative Reid Crawford  
Representative Norman Jesse  
Representative James West

#### Meetings

The Subcommittee on Uniform Landlord-Tenant Act was originally authorized to hold two meetings which were held September 15, 1977 at the Old Capitol in Iowa City, Iowa and on November 16, 1977 in Room 1 of the House Chamber, State House, Des Moines, Iowa. The Subcommittee requested and received authority to hold an additional meeting on November 17, 1977.

The September 15, 1977 meeting in Iowa City served as a public hearing where various groups, associations and private persons were invited to express their concerns and viewpoints regarding Iowa's landlord-tenant laws and the need to enact a Mobile Home Park Residential Landlord-Tenant law for the state.

There were approximately fifty persons who participated in the public hearing. The Subcommittee instructed staff to compile the recommendations submitted to the Subcommittee for review at the next scheduled meeting.

The second meeting of the Subcommittee on Uniform Landlord-Tenant Act was held on November 16, 1977. The Subcommittee began work on House File 448 and proceeded to adopt and reject the various submitted recommendations. The Subcommittee worked continuously on House File 448 on November 16 and 17, and was only able to complete work on the one bill.

In view of the fact that the proposed Landlord-Tenant and Mobile Home Tenant legislation was very complicated and it took the Subcommittee two days to complete one bill. The Subcommittee instructed staff to prepare a bill draft with the recommended changes and to make similar changes in House File 525 for the Subcommittee's review.

The Subcommittee is planning on holding one more meeting at which it is hoped that a review of the modified Uniform Landlord-Tenant Act can be completed. There are many viewpoints in regard to this legislation and it is complex and in some cases controversial. It is the hope of the Subcommittee that work can, nevertheless, be completed to the point that the bills before the Subcommittee can be acted upon early in the legislative session.