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May 22, 2009

The Honorable Michael Mauro
Secretary of State
State Capitol Building
LOCAL

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I hereby transmit:

Senate File 437, an Act relating to the activities of governmental entities by amending provisions relating to public access to meetings and records and by modifying provisions relating to cemeteries under the control of certain governmental entities.

The above Senate File is hereby approved this date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chester J. Culver", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Chester J. Culver
Governor

CJC:bdj

cc: Secretary of the Senate
Chief Clerk of the House





SENATE FILE 437

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE ACTIVITIES OF GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES BY
AMENDING PROVISIONS RELATING TO PUBLIC ACCESS TO MEETINGS
AND RECORDS AND BY MODIFYING PROVISIONS RELATING TO
CEMETERIES UNDER THE CONTROL OF CERTAIN GOVERNMENTAL
ENTITIES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. Section 21.2, subsection 1, Code 2009, is amended by adding the following new paragraphs:

NEW PARAGRAPH. i. The governing body of a drainage or levy district as provided in chapter 468, including a board as defined in section 468.3, regardless of how the district is organized.

NEW PARAGRAPH. j. An advisory board, advisory commission, advisory committee, task force, or other body created by an entity organized under chapter 28E, or by the administrator or joint board specified in a chapter 28E agreement, to develop and make recommendations on public policy issues.

Sec. 2. Section 22.1, subsection 1, Code 2009, is amended to read as follows:

1. The term "government body" means this state, or any county, city, township, school corporation, political subdivision, tax-supported district, nonprofit corporation other than a fair conducting a fair event as provided in chapter 174, whose facilities or indebtedness are supported in whole or in part with property tax revenue and which is licensed to conduct pari-mutuel wagering pursuant to chapter 99D; the governing body of a drainage or levy district as provided in chapter 468, including a board as defined in section 468.3, regardless of how the district is organized; or other entity of this state, or any branch, department, board, bureau, commission, council, committee, official, or officer of any of the foregoing or any employee delegated the responsibility for implementing the requirements of this chapter.

Sec. 3. Section 331.325, subsection 1, Code 2009, is amended to read as follows:

1. As used in this section, "pioneer cemetery" means a cemetery where there have been ~~six~~ twelve or fewer burials in the preceding fifty years.

Sec. 4. Section 359.17, subsection 2, Code 2009, is amended to read as follows:

2. A board of township trustees shall give prior notice of a meeting to discuss, deliberate, or act upon a matter relating to the budget or a tax levy of the township or relating to the trustees' duty to provide fire protection service and, if provided, emergency medical service, pursuant to section 359.42. The trustees shall give notice of such meeting at least ~~forty-eight~~ twenty-four hours preceding the commencement of the meeting. ~~However, a notice is not required pursuant to this subsection when the trustees gather for minor or ministerial matters relating to the trustees' duty for providing such fire protection service or emergency medical service.~~ The notice shall state the time, date, and place of the meeting and the proposed agenda. The notice shall be provided to the county auditor who shall post the notice in an area of the courthouse where notices to the public are commonly posted.


Sec. 5. Section 523I.102, subsection 39, Code 2009, is amended to read as follows:

39. "Pioneer cemetery" means a cemetery where there were ~~six~~ twelve or fewer burials in the preceding fifty years.



JOHN P. KIBBIE

President of the Senate



PATRICK J. MURPHY

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the Senate and is known as Senate File 437, Eighty-third General Assembly.



MICHAEL E. MARSHALL

Secretary of the Senate

Approved May 22nd, 2009



CHESTER J. CULVER

Governor