

Senate File 46 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the sale or lease of the Iowa communications
2 network.

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

1 Section 1. SALE OR LEASE OF IOWA COMMUNICATIONS
2 NETWORK. The Iowa telecommunications and technology commission
3 shall implement a request for proposals process to sell
4 or lease the Iowa communications network. The request for
5 proposals shall provide for the sale to be concluded or the
6 lease to commence during the fiscal year beginning July 1,
7 2013. The commission shall condition the sale or lease of the
8 Iowa communications network with terms that will allow existing
9 authorized users of the network to continue such use at a
10 lower overall long-term cost when compared to the anticipated
11 operation and maintenance costs if state ownership and control
12 were to continue. The commission shall submit periodic status
13 reports to the general assembly at three-month intervals,
14 beginning on October 1, 2013, regarding progress made toward
15 selling or leasing the network.

16 EXPLANATION

17 This bill directs the Iowa telecommunications and technology
18 commission to implement a request for proposals process to sell
19 or lease the Iowa communications network, with the sale to be
20 concluded or lease to commence during the fiscal year beginning
21 July 1, 2013. The bill specifies that the sale or lease must
22 allow existing authorized users of the network to continue
23 use at a lower overall long-term cost when compared to the
24 anticipated operation and maintenance costs if state ownership
25 and control were to continue. The bill requires the commission
26 to submit status reports to the general assembly every three
27 months, beginning October 1, 2013, regarding progress made
28 toward selling or leasing the network.