

**Senate Study Bill 3083 - Introduced**

SENATE FILE \_\_\_\_\_  
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL BY  
CHAIRPERSON GARRETT)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the publication of county resolutions.  
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 349.16, subsection 1, Code 2018, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. The proceedings of the board of supervisors, as furnished  
4 by the county auditor, excluding from the publication of said  
5 proceedings, its canvass of the various elections, as provided  
6 by law; witness fees of witnesses before the grand jury and in  
7 the district court in criminal cases.

8 Sec. 2. Section 349.18, subsection 3, Code 2018, is amended  
9 to read as follows:

10 3. The county auditor shall furnish a copy of the  
11 proceedings to be published, within one week following the  
12 adjournment of the board. The county auditor shall include  
13 either a summary of all resolutions or the complete text of  
14 resolutions adopted by the board in the furnished copy of the  
15 proceedings. As used in this subsection, "summary" means a  
16 narrative description of the resolution setting forth the main  
17 points of the resolution in a manner calculated to inform  
18 the public in a clear and understandable manner the meaning  
19 of the resolution and to provide the public with sufficient  
20 notice of the policy stated or action to be taken, as resolved  
21 by the board in the resolution. The narrative description  
22 shall include the title of the resolution, an accurate and  
23 intelligible synopsis of the essential elements of the  
24 resolution, a statement that the description is a summary, the  
25 location and the normal business hours of the office where the  
26 full text of the resolution may be inspected, and the effective  
27 date of the resolution. Legal descriptions of property  
28 set forth in a resolution shall be described in full. The  
29 narrative description shall be written in a clear and coherent  
30 manner and shall, to the extent possible, avoid the use of  
31 technical or legal terms not generally familiar to the public.  
32 When necessary to use technical or legal terms not generally  
33 familiar to the public, the narrative description shall include  
34 definitions of those terms.

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EXPLANATION

1           The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
2           the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

3       Current law requires that all proceedings of each regular,  
4 adjourned, or special meeting of a county board of supervisors  
5 be published immediately after the adjournment of the meeting  
6 and that the county auditor, serving as clerk to the board,  
7 furnish a copy of the proceedings to the board for publication  
8 within one week following the adjournment of the board. This  
9 bill requires that the county auditor include either a summary  
10 of all resolutions or the complete text of resolutions adopted  
11 by the board, for the purposes of furnishing such proceedings  
12 for publication.