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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to publication requirements for official  
2 publications.

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

unofficial

1 Section 1. Section 6B.2A, subsection 2, unnumbered paragraph  
2 1, Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

3 The acquiring agency shall cause a notice to be published  
4 ~~once in a newspaper of general circulation in the county or city~~  
5 ~~where the agricultural land is located. The notice shall be~~  
6 ~~published as provided in chapter 618~~ at least four but no more  
7 than twenty days before the public hearing is held as referred  
8 to in subsection 1. The published notice shall, at a minimum,  
9 include the following information:

10 Sec. 2. Section 6B.4, subsection 2, paragraph b, Code 2026,  
11 is amended to read as follows:

12 b. The chief judge or the judge's designee shall name a  
13 chairperson from the persons selected and may appoint such  
14 alternate members and chairpersons to the commission as are  
15 deemed necessary and appropriate under the circumstances. A  
16 person shall not be selected as a member or alternate member of  
17 the compensation commission if the person possesses any interest  
18 in the proceeding which would cause the person to render a  
19 biased decision. The applicant shall mail a copy of the list  
20 of commissioners and alternates appointed by the chief judge  
21 by certified mail to the property owner at the owner's last  
22 known address. The applicant shall also cause the list of  
23 commissioners and alternates to be published ~~once in a newspaper~~  
24 ~~of general circulation in the county~~ as provided in chapter 618,  
25 not less than four nor more than twenty days before the meeting  
26 of the compensation commission to assess the damages. Service of  
27 the list of commissioners and alternates by publication shall be  
28 deemed complete on the day of publication. In lieu of mailing  
29 and publishing the list of commissioners and alternates, the  
30 applicant may cause the list to be served upon the owner of  
31 the property in the manner provided by the Iowa rules of civil  
32 procedure for the personal service of original notice. The list  
33 of commissioners and alternates shall be mailed and published  
34 or served, as above provided, prior to or contemporaneously with  
35 service of the notice of assessment as provided in section 6B.8.

1     Sec. 3. Section 24.2A, subsection 4, paragraph b,  
2 subparagraphs (1), (2), and (3), Code 2026, are amended to read  
3 as follows:

4     (1) If the political subdivision is a county, notice of the  
5 public hearing shall be published not less than ten nor more  
6 than twenty days prior to the hearing ~~in the county newspapers~~  
7 ~~selected under chapter 349~~ as provided in chapter 618.

8     (2) If the political subdivision is a city, ~~notice of the~~  
9 ~~public hearing shall be published pursuant to section 362.3 in~~  
10 ~~a newspaper published at least once weekly and having general~~  
11 ~~circulation in the city. However, if the city has with a~~  
12 population of two hundred or less, publication may be made by  
13 posting in three public places in the city.

14     (3) If the political subdivision is a school district, notice  
15 of the public hearing shall be published not less than ten  
16 nor more than twenty days prior to the hearing ~~in a newspaper~~  
17 ~~published in the school district, if any, and if not, then in~~  
18 ~~a newspaper of general circulation in the school district~~ as  
19 provided in chapter 618.

20     Sec. 4. Section 24.9, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code 2026,  
21 is amended to read as follows:

22     a. Each municipality shall file with the secretary or clerk  
23 thereof the estimates required to be made in sections 24.3  
24 through 24.8, at least twenty days before the date fixed by law  
25 for certifying the same to the levying board and shall forthwith  
26 fix a date for a hearing on the estimates, and shall publish such  
27 estimates and any annual levies previously authorized as provided  
28 in section 76.2, with a notice of the time when and the place  
29 where such hearing shall be held not less than ten nor more than  
30 twenty days before the hearing. ~~Provided that in municipalities~~  
31 ~~of less than two hundred population such estimates and the~~  
32 ~~notice of hearing shall be posted in three public places in the~~  
33 ~~district in lieu of publication. For any other municipality~~  
34 ~~such~~ Such publication shall be ~~in a newspaper published in the~~  
35 ~~municipality, if any, if not, then in a newspaper of general~~

1 ~~circulation in the municipality as provided in chapter 618.~~

2 Sec. 5. Section 26A.3, subsection 3, paragraph b, Code 2026,  
3 is amended to read as follows:

4 b. The request for statements of qualifications shall be  
5 posted not less than thirteen and not more than forty-five days  
6 before the date for response in a relevant contractor plan room  
7 service with statewide circulation, in a relevant construction  
8 lead generating service with statewide circulation, and ~~on an~~  
9 ~~internet site sponsored by either a governmental entity or a~~  
10 ~~statewide association that represents the governmental entity as~~  
11 provided in chapter 618. If circumstances beyond the control  
12 of the governmental entity require postponement and there are  
13 no changes to the project's contract documents, a notice of  
14 the revised date shall be posted not less than four and not  
15 more than forty-five days before the revised date for answering  
16 the request for proposals and statements of qualifications in a  
17 relevant contractor plan room service with statewide circulation,  
18 in a relevant construction lead generating service with statewide  
19 circulation, and ~~on an internet site sponsored by either a~~  
20 ~~government entity or a statewide association that represents the~~  
21 ~~governmental entity as provided in chapter 618.~~

22 Sec. 6. Section 26A.3, subsection 5, paragraph a,  
23 subparagraph (1), Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

24 (1) The construction manager-at-risk shall prepare a request  
25 for statements of qualifications. The request shall include  
26 general information on the project site, project scope, schedule,  
27 selection criteria, and the time and place for receipt of  
28 statements of qualifications. The construction manager-at-risk  
29 shall provide public notice of the request for statements of  
30 qualifications in a relevant contractor plan room service with  
31 statewide circulation, a relevant construction lead generating  
32 service with statewide circulation, and ~~on an internet site~~  
33 ~~sponsored by either a governmental entity or a statewide~~  
34 ~~association that represents the governmental entity as provided~~  
35 in chapter 618. The request for statements of qualifications

1 shall be posted not less than thirteen and not more than  
2 forty-five days before the date for response.

3 Sec. 7. Section 28A.5, subsection 1, unnumbered paragraph 1,  
4 Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

5 Upon petition of eligible electors of a metropolitan area  
6 equal in number to at least ten percent of the persons who voted  
7 in the last general election held in the metropolitan area for  
8 the office of president of the United States or governor, the  
9 governing body of the county shall adopt a resolution signifying  
10 its intention to initiate the question of participating in  
11 the creation of an authority and shall publish the resolution  
12 at least once ~~in a newspaper of general circulation in the~~  
13 metropolitan area as provided in chapter 618 giving notice of a  
14 hearing to be held on the question of the metropolitan area's  
15 entry into the authority. The resolution shall be published  
16 at least fourteen days prior to the date of hearing, and shall  
17 contain all of the following information:

18 Sec. 8. Section 28A.16, subsection 3, Code 2026, is amended  
19 to read as follows:

20 3. The board shall set a time and place for a public hearing  
21 on the budget before the final certification date and shall  
22 publish notice of the hearing not less than ten nor more than  
23 twenty days prior to the hearing ~~in one or more newspapers~~  
24 serving the greater metropolitan area as provided in chapter 618.  
25 Proof of publication shall be filed with and preserved by the  
26 treasurer.

27 Sec. 9. Section 28A.21, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended  
28 to read as follows:

29 2. A proposed action of the board, and a proposed agreement  
30 to acquire, shall be approved by the governing body of the owner  
31 of the facilities. If the governing body of a county, city,  
32 commission, or authority desires to sell, lease, lend, grant, or  
33 convey to the authority a facility or any part of a facility, the  
34 governing body shall adopt a resolution signifying its intention  
35 to do so and shall publish the resolution at least one time

1 ~~in a newspaper of general circulation in the county and in a~~  
2 ~~newspaper or newspapers, if necessary, of general circulation in~~  
3 ~~the area served by the county, city, commission, or authority as~~  
4 ~~provided in chapter 618~~ giving notice of a hearing to be held  
5 on the question of the sale, lease, loan, grant, or conveyance.  
6 The resolution shall be published at least fourteen days prior  
7 to the date of hearing. After the hearing and if in the  
8 public interest, the county, city, commission, or authority shall  
9 enact an ordinance authorizing the sale, lease, loan, grant, or  
10 conveyance.

11 Sec. 10. Section 28J.9, subsection 18, paragraph d,  
12 subparagraph (1), Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

13 (1) If a contract is to be negotiated and awarded without  
14 competitive bidding for the reason set forth in paragraph "c",  
15 subparagraph (2), the port authority shall publish a notice  
16 calling for technical proposals at least twice, with at least  
17 seven days between publications, ~~in a newspaper of general~~  
18 ~~circulation in the area of the port authority as provided in~~  
19 ~~chapter 618~~. After receipt of the technical proposals, the  
20 port authority may negotiate with and award a contract for the  
21 improvement to the person making the proposal considered to be  
22 the most advantageous to the port authority.

23 Sec. 11. Section 37.4, Code 2026, is amended to read as  
24 follows:

25 **37.4 Notice.**

26 Notice of the election shall be given by publication ~~in one~~  
27 ~~newspaper published or having general circulation in the city as~~  
28 ~~provided in section 362.3 as provided in chapter 618~~. The notice  
29 shall state the purpose of the memorial proposed as outlined in  
30 section 37.18.

31 Sec. 12. Section 49.11, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended  
32 to read as follows:

33 2. The board of supervisors or city council shall publish  
34 notice of changes in the county or city precinct boundaries ~~in a~~  
35 ~~newspaper of general circulation published in the county or city~~

1 as provided in chapter 618 once each week for three consecutive  
2 weeks. The series of publications shall be made after the  
3 changes in the precincts have been approved by the state  
4 commissioner of elections. The last of the three publications  
5 shall be made no later than thirty days before the next general  
6 election. A map showing the new boundaries may be used. No  
7 publication is necessary if no changes were made.

8 Sec. 13. Section 49.53, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended  
9 to read as follows:

10 2. The notice shall be published ~~in at least one newspaper,~~  
11 ~~as defined in section 618.3, which is published in the county or~~  
12 ~~other political subdivision in which the election is to occur or,~~  
13 ~~if no newspaper is published there, in at least one newspaper of~~  
14 ~~substantial circulation in the county or political subdivision~~  
15 as provided in chapter 618. For the general election or the  
16 primary election the foregoing notice shall be published in at  
17 least two newspapers published in the county. However, if there  
18 is only one newspaper published in the county, publication in one  
19 newspaper shall be sufficient.

20 Sec. 14. Section 69.2, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended to  
21 read as follows:

22 2. If the status of an officeholder is in question, the  
23 entity or officer responsible for making an appointment to  
24 fill the vacancy shall decide whether a vacancy exists. The  
25 appointing entity or officer may act upon its own motion.  
26 If a petition signed by twenty-five registered voters of the  
27 jurisdiction is received, the appointing entity or officer shall  
28 convene within thirty days to consider whether a vacancy exists.  
29 The appointing entity or officer shall publish notice as provided  
30 in chapter 618 that a public hearing will be held to determine  
31 whether a vacancy exists. The notice shall include the time  
32 and place of the hearing and the name of the office and the  
33 officeholder whose status is in question. The public hearing  
34 shall be held not less than four nor more than fourteen days  
35 after publication of the notice. The officer whose status is in

1 question shall be notified of the time and place of the hearing.  
2 Notice shall be sent by certified mail and must be postmarked  
3 at least fourteen days before the hearing. No later than seven  
4 days after the public hearing, the appointing entity or officer  
5 shall publish its decision. If the appointing entity or officer  
6 decides that the office is vacant, the publication shall state  
7 the date the vacancy occurred and what action will be taken to  
8 fill the vacancy.

9 Sec. 15. Section 73A.12, Code 2026, is amended to read as  
10 follows:

11 **73A.12 Issuance of bonds — notice.**

12 Before any municipality shall institute proceedings for the  
13 issuance of any bonds or other evidence of indebtedness payable  
14 from taxation, excepting such bonds or other evidence of  
15 indebtedness as have been authorized by a vote of the people  
16 of such municipality, and except such bonds or obligations as  
17 it may be by law compelled to issue, a notice of such action,  
18 including a statement of the amount and purpose of said bonds or  
19 other evidence of indebtedness shall be published at least once  
20 ~~in a newspaper of general circulation within such municipality as~~  
21 provided in chapter 618 at least ten days before the meeting at  
22 which it is proposed to issue such bonds.

23 Sec. 16. Section 74A.7, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended  
24 to read as follows:

25 2. The treasurer may offer the warrants for public sale at  
26 par, by publishing notice of the sale for two consecutive weeks  
27 ~~in a newspaper of general circulation in the jurisdiction of the~~  
28 ~~school district issuing the warrants as provided in chapter 618,~~  
29 giving not less than ten days' notice of the time and place of  
30 the sale. The notice shall include a statement of the amount of  
31 the warrants offered for sale.

32 Sec. 17. Section 75.2, Code 2026, is amended to read as  
33 follows:

34 **75.2 Notice of sale.**

35 When public bonds are offered for sale, the official in charge

1 of the bond issue shall, by advertisement published at least  
2 once, the last one of which shall be not less than four nor more  
3 than twenty days before the sale ~~in a newspaper located in the~~  
4 ~~county or a county contiguous to the place of sale~~ as provided  
5 in chapter 618, give notice of the time and place of sale of  
6 the bonds, the amount to be offered for sale, and any further  
7 information which the official deems pertinent.

8 Sec. 18. Section 80.39, subsection 1, Code 2026, is amended  
9 to read as follows:

10 1. Personal property, except for motor vehicles subject to  
11 sale pursuant to section 321.89, and seizable property subject  
12 to disposition pursuant to chapter 809 or 809A, which personal  
13 property is found or seized by, turned in to, or otherwise  
14 lawfully comes into the possession of the department or a local  
15 law enforcement agency and which the department or agency does  
16 not own, shall be disposed of pursuant to this section. If  
17 by examining the property the owner or lawful custodian of the  
18 property is known or can be readily ascertained, the department  
19 or agency shall notify the owner or custodian by certified mail  
20 directed to the owner's or custodian's last known address, as  
21 to the location of the property. If the identity or address of  
22 the owner cannot be determined, notice by one publication ~~in a~~  
23 ~~newspaper of general circulation in the area where the property~~  
24 ~~was found~~ as provided in chapter 618 is sufficient notice. A  
25 published notice may contain multiple items.

26 Sec. 19. Section 137.104, subsection 1, paragraph b,  
27 subparagraphs (1), (2), (3), and (4), Code 2026, are amended to  
28 read as follows:

29 (1) Rules of a city board shall become effective upon  
30 approval by the city council and publication ~~in a newspaper~~  
31 ~~having general circulation in the city~~ as provided in chapter  
32 618.

33 (2) Rules of a county board shall become effective upon  
34 approval by the county board of supervisors by a motion or  
35 resolution as defined in section 331.101, subsection 13, and

1 ~~publication in a newspaper having general circulation in the~~  
2 ~~county as provided in chapter 618.~~

3 (3) Rules of a district board shall become effective upon  
4 approval by the district board and publication ~~in a newspaper~~  
5 ~~having general circulation in the district as provided in chapter~~  
6 ~~618.~~

7 (4) Before approving any rule or regulation the local board  
8 of health shall hold a public hearing on the proposed rule. Any  
9 citizen may appear and be heard at the public hearing. A notice  
10 of the public hearing, stating the time and place and the general  
11 nature of the proposed rule or regulation shall be published ~~in~~  
12 ~~a newspaper having general circulation as provided in section~~  
13 ~~331.305 in the area served by the local board of health chapter~~  
14 ~~618.~~

15 Sec. 20. Section 145A.5, Code 2026, is amended to read as  
16 follows:

17 **145A.5 Order of approval.**

18 When a plan is approved, the officials approving the plan  
19 shall jointly issue an order of approval. The order shall  
20 specify the area to be merged, the maximum rate of tax to  
21 be levied for debt service and operation and maintenance of  
22 the proposed hospital in the portion of the merged area  
23 within each political subdivision, the proposed location of the  
24 hospital building, the estimated cost of the establishment of  
25 the hospital, and any other details concerning the establishment  
26 and operation of the hospital the officials deem pertinent.  
27 The order shall be published ~~in one or more newspapers which~~  
28 ~~have general circulation within the merged area as provided in~~  
29 ~~chapter 618 once each week for three consecutive weeks, but the~~  
30 ~~newspapers selected need not be published in the merged area.~~  
31 The published order shall contain a notice to the residents  
32 of each subdivision of the proposed merged area that if the  
33 residents fail to protest as provided in this chapter, the order  
34 shall be deemed approved upon the expiration of a sixty-day  
35 period following the date of the last published notice.

1     Sec. 21. Section 161A.3, subsection 8, Code 2026, is amended  
2 to read as follows:

3     8. "*Due notice*" means notice published at least twice, with  
4 an interval of at least six days between the two publication  
5 dates, ~~in a newspaper or other publication of general circulation~~  
6 ~~within the appropriate area; or, if no such publication of~~  
7 ~~general circulation be available, by posting at a reasonable~~  
8 ~~number of conspicuous places within the appropriate area, such~~  
9 ~~posting to include, where possible, posting at public places~~  
10 ~~where it may be customary to post notices concerning county or~~  
11 ~~municipal affairs generally~~ as provided in chapter 618. At any  
12 hearing held pursuant to such notice, at the time and place  
13 designated in such notice, adjournment may be made from time  
14 to time without the necessity of renewing such notice for such  
15 adjourned dates.

16     Sec. 22. Section 161A.16, Code 2026, is amended to read as  
17 follows:

18     **161A.16 Publication of notice.**

19     The notice of hearing on the formation of a subdistrict shall  
20 be by publication once each week for two consecutive weeks ~~in~~  
21 ~~some newspaper of general circulation published in the county or~~  
22 ~~district~~ as provided in chapter 618, the last of which shall be  
23 not less than ten days prior to the day set for the hearing on  
24 the petition. Proof of such service shall be made by affidavit  
25 of the publisher, and be on file with the secretary of the  
26 district at the time the hearing begins.

27     Sec. 23. Section 161A.45, Code 2026, is amended to read as  
28 follows:

29     **161A.45 Submission of regulations to division — hearing.**

30     Regulations which the commissioners propose to adopt, amend,  
31 or repeal shall be submitted to the division, in a form  
32 prescribed by the division, for its approval. The division  
33 may approve the regulations as submitted, or with amendments as  
34 it deems necessary. The commissioners shall, after approval,  
35 publish notice of hearing on the proposed regulations, as

1 approved, ~~in a newspaper of general circulation in the district~~  
2 as provided in chapter 618, setting a date and time not less  
3 than ten nor more than thirty days after the publication when a  
4 hearing on the proposed regulations will be held at a specified  
5 place. The notice shall include the full text of the proposed  
6 regulations or shall state that the proposed regulations are on  
7 file and available for review at the office of the affected soil  
8 and water conservation district.

9 Sec. 24. Section 173.14B, subsection 9, Code 2026, is amended  
10 to read as follows:

11 9. The board shall publish a notice of intention to issue  
12 bonds or notes ~~in a newspaper published and of general~~  
13 ~~circulation in the state~~ as provided in chapter 618. The notice  
14 shall include a statement of the maximum amount of bonds or notes  
15 proposed to be issued, and in general, what net revenues will  
16 be pledged to pay the bonds or notes and interest on them.  
17 An action shall not be brought questioning the legality of the  
18 bonds or notes, the power of the board to issue the bonds or  
19 notes, or the legality of any proceedings in connection with the  
20 authorization or issuance of the bonds or notes after sixty days  
21 from the date of publication of the notice.

22 Sec. 25. Section 174.17, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code  
23 2026, is amended to read as follows:

24 a. A fair may institute proceedings for the issuance of bonds  
25 by causing a notice of the proposal to issue the bonds to be  
26 published at least once ~~in a newspaper of general circulation~~  
27 ~~within the county~~ as provided in chapter 618 at least ten days  
28 prior to the meeting at which the fair proposes to take action  
29 for the issuance of the bonds. The notice shall include a  
30 statement of the amount and purpose of the bonds, the maximum  
31 rate of interest the bonds are to bear, and the right to petition  
32 for an election.

33 Sec. 26. Section 182.3, subsection 1, Code 2026, is amended  
34 to read as follows:

35 1. The secretary shall give notice of the referendum on the

1 question of whether to establish an Iowa sheep and wool promotion  
2 board and to impose the assessment by publishing the notice for  
3 a period of not less than five days ~~in at least one newspaper of~~  
4 ~~general circulation in the state~~ as provided in chapter 618. The  
5 notice shall state the voting places, period of time for voting,  
6 and other information deemed necessary by the secretary.

7 Sec. 27. Section 257.18, subsection 1, Code 2026, is amended  
8 to read as follows:

9 1. An instructional support program that provides additional  
10 funding for school districts is established. A board  
11 of directors that wishes to consider participating in the  
12 instructional support program shall hold a public hearing on  
13 the question of participation. The board shall set forth its  
14 proposal, including the method that will be used to fund the  
15 program, in a resolution and shall publish the notice of the time  
16 and place of a public hearing on the resolution. Notice of the  
17 time and place of the public hearing shall be published not less  
18 than ten nor more than twenty days before the public hearing ~~in~~  
19 ~~a newspaper which is a newspaper of general circulation in the~~  
20 ~~school district~~ as provided in chapter 618. At the hearing, or  
21 no later than thirty days after the date of the hearing, the  
22 board shall take action to adopt a resolution to participate  
23 in the instructional support program for a period not exceeding  
24 five years or to direct the county commissioner of elections to  
25 submit the question of participation in the program for a period  
26 not exceeding ten years to the registered voters of the school  
27 district at an election held on a date specified in section 39.2,  
28 subsection 4, paragraph "c". If the board submits the question  
29 at an election and a majority of those voting on the question  
30 favors participation in the program, the board shall adopt a  
31 resolution to participate and certify the results of the election  
32 to the department of management.

33 Sec. 28. Section 257.31, subsection 5, paragraph o,  
34 subparagraph (2), Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

35 (2) Prior to filing a request for supplemental aid or a

1 modified supplemental amount based on the grounds specified in  
2 this paragraph, the board of directors shall hold a public  
3 hearing on the issue and shall publish the notice of the time  
4 and place of the public hearing. Notice of the time and place of  
5 the public hearing shall be published not less than ten nor more  
6 than twenty days before the public hearing ~~in a newspaper that~~  
7 ~~is a newspaper of general circulation in the school district as~~  
8 provided in chapter 618.

9 Sec. 29. Section 257B.5, Code 2026, is amended to read as  
10 follows:

11 **257B.5 Notice — sale.**

12 When the board of supervisors shall offer for sale  
13 the sixteenth section or lands selected in lieu thereof,  
14 or any portion of the same, or any part of the  
15 five-hundred-thousand-acre grant, the county auditor shall give  
16 at least forty days' notice, by written or printed notices posted  
17 in five public places in the county, two of which shall be in  
18 the township in which the land to be sold is situated, and also  
19 publish a notice of said sale once each week for two weeks  
20 preceding the same ~~in a newspaper published in the county as~~  
21 provided in chapter 618, describing the land to be sold and  
22 the time and place of such sale. At such time and place, or  
23 at such other time and place as the sale may be adjourned to,  
24 the county auditor shall offer to the highest bidder, subject  
25 to the provisions of this chapter, and sell, either for cash  
26 or one-third cash and the balance on a credit not exceeding  
27 ten years, with interest on the same at the rate of not less  
28 than three and one-half percent per annum, to be paid at the  
29 office of the county treasurer of said county on the first day of  
30 January in each year, delinquent interest to bear the same rate  
31 as the principal. Such county treasurer shall pay to the state  
32 treasurer on the first day of February all interest collected.

33 Sec. 30. Section 260C.14, subsection 12, Code 2026, is  
34 amended to read as follows:

35 12. During the second week of August of each year, publish by

1 ~~one insertion in at least one newspaper published in the merged~~  
2 area as provided in chapter 618 a summarized statement verified  
3 by affidavit of the secretary of the board showing the receipts  
4 and disbursements of all funds of the community college for the  
5 preceding fiscal year. The statement of disbursements shall  
6 show the names of the persons, firms, or corporations, and the  
7 total amount paid to each during the fiscal year. The board is  
8 not required to make the publications and notices required under  
9 sections 279.35 and 279.36.

10 Sec. 31. Section 261A.25, Code 2026, is amended to read as  
11 follows:

12 **261A.25 Notice.**

13 The authority shall publish a notice of its intention to  
14 ~~issue obligations in a newspaper published in and with general~~  
15 circulation in the state as provided in chapter 618. The  
16 notice shall include a statement of the maximum amount of  
17 obligations proposed to be issued, and in general terms, what  
18 receipts will be pledged to pay bond service charges on the  
19 obligations. An action which questions the legality or validity  
20 of the obligations or the power of the authority to issue the  
21 obligations or the effectiveness or validity of any proceedings  
22 adopted for the authorization or issuance of the obligations  
23 shall not be brought after sixty days from the date of  
24 publication of the notice.

25 Sec. 32. Section 273.8, subsection 2, paragraph a, Code 2026,  
26 is amended to read as follows:

27 a. Notice of the election shall be published by the area  
28 education agency administrator not later than September 15 of  
29 the odd-numbered year ~~in at least one newspaper of general~~  
30 circulation in the director district as provided in chapter 618.  
31 The cost of publication shall be paid by the area education  
32 agency.

33 Sec. 33. Section 273.8, subsection 3, Code 2026, is amended  
34 to read as follows:

35 3. *Director district convention.* If no candidate files with

1 the area education agency secretary by the deadline specified in  
 2 subsection 2, or a vacancy occurs, or if otherwise required as  
 3 provided in section 273.23, subsection 3, a director district  
 4 convention, attended by members of the boards of directors  
 5 of the local school districts located within the director  
 6 district, shall be called to elect a board member described in  
 7 subsection 1, paragraph "b", for that director district. The  
 8 convention location shall be determined by the area education  
 9 agency administrator. Notice of the time, date, and place  
 10 of a director district convention shall be published by the  
 11 area education agency administrator ~~in at least one newspaper~~  
 12 ~~of general circulation in the director district as provided~~  
 13 in chapter 618 at least thirty days prior to the day of the  
 14 convention. The cost of publication shall be paid by the area  
 15 education agency. A candidate for election to the area education  
 16 agency board shall file a statement of candidacy with the area  
 17 education agency secretary at least ten days prior to the date  
 18 of the director district convention on forms prescribed by the  
 19 department of education, or nominations may be made at the  
 20 convention by a delegate from a board of directors of a school  
 21 district located within the director district. A statement of  
 22 candidacy shall include the candidate's name, address, and school  
 23 district. Delegates to director district conventions shall not  
 24 be bound by a school board or any school board member to pledge  
 25 their votes to any candidate prior to the date of the convention.

26 Sec. 34. Section 273.27, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code  
 27 2026, is amended to read as follows:

28 a. Within ten days following the filing of the dissolution  
 29 proposal with the affected area education agency board, the  
 30 affected board shall fix a date for a hearing on the proposal,  
 31 which shall not be more than sixty days after the dissolution  
 32 petition was filed with the affected board. The affected board  
 33 shall publish notice of the date, time, and location of the  
 34 hearing at least ten days prior to the date of the hearing by one  
 35 ~~publication in a newspaper in general circulation in the area as~~

1 provided in chapter 618. The notice shall include the contents  
2 of the dissolution proposal.

3 Sec. 35. Section 275.14, subsection 1, Code 2026, is amended  
4 to read as follows:

5 1. Within ten days after the petition is filed, the area  
6 education agency administrator shall fix a final date for filing  
7 objections to the petition which shall be not more than sixty  
8 days after the petition is filed and shall fix the date for a  
9 hearing on the objections to the petition. Objections shall be  
10 filed in the office of the administrator who shall give notice  
11 at least ten days prior to the final day for filing objections,  
12 by one publication ~~in a newspaper published within the territory~~  
13 ~~described in the petition, or if none is published in the~~  
14 ~~territory, in a newspaper published in the county where the~~  
15 ~~petition is filed, and of general circulation in the territory~~  
16 described as provided in chapter 618. The notice shall also  
17 list the date, time, and location for the hearing on the petition  
18 as provided in section 275.15. The cost of publication shall  
19 be assessed to each district whose territory is involved in  
20 the ratio that the number of pupils in basic enrollment for  
21 the budget year, as defined in section 257.6 in each district  
22 bears to the total number of pupils in basic enrollment for the  
23 budget year in the total area involved. Objections shall be  
24 in writing in the form of an affidavit and may be made by any  
25 person residing or owning land within the territory described in  
26 the petition, or who would be injuriously affected by the change  
27 petitioned for and shall be on file not later than 12:00 noon of  
28 the final day fixed for filing objections.

29 Sec. 36. Section 275.15, subsection 4, Code 2026, is amended  
30 to read as follows:

31 4. The administrator shall at once publish the decision ~~in~~  
32 the same newspaper as provided in chapter 618 in the same  
33 manner in which the original notice was published. Within  
34 twenty days after the publication, the decision rendered by the  
35 area education agency board may be appealed to the district

1 court in the county involved by any school district affected.  
2 For purposes of appeal, only those school districts who filed  
3 reorganization petitions are school districts affected. An  
4 appeal from a decision of an area education agency board or joint  
5 area education agency boards under section 275.4, 275.16, or this  
6 section is subject to appeal procedures under this chapter and is  
7 not subject to appeal under chapter 290.

8 Sec. 37. Section 275.16, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended  
9 to read as follows:

10 2. Votes of each member of an area education agency board  
11 in attendance shall be weighted so that the total number of  
12 votes eligible to be cast by members of each board in attendance  
13 shall be equal. However, if the joint boards cast a tie vote  
14 and are unable to agree to a decision fixing the boundaries  
15 for the proposed school corporation or to a decision to dismiss  
16 the petition, the time during which actions must be taken under  
17 section 275.15 shall be extended from ten days to fifteen days  
18 after the conclusion of the hearing under section 275.15, and  
19 the joint board shall reconvene not less than ten and not more  
20 than fifteen days after the conclusion of the hearing. At the  
21 hearing the joint board shall reconsider its action and if a tie  
22 vote is again cast it is a decision granting the petition and  
23 changing the plans of any and all of the agency boards affected  
24 by the petition and fixing the boundaries for the proposed school  
25 corporation. The agency administrator shall at once publish the  
26 decision ~~in the same newspaper~~ as provided in chapter 618 in the  
27 same manner in which the original notice was published.

28 Sec. 38. Section 275.18, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended  
29 to read as follows:

30 2. The county commissioner of elections shall give notice of  
31 the election by one publication ~~in the same newspaper~~ as provided  
32 in chapter 618 in the same manner in which previous notices  
33 have been published regarding the proposed school reorganization,  
34 and in addition, if more than one county is involved, by one  
35 publication ~~in a legal newspaper~~ as provided in chapter 618

1 in each county other than that of the first publication. The  
2 publication shall be not less than four nor more than twenty days  
3 prior to the election. If the decision published pursuant to  
4 section 275.15 or 275.16 includes a description of the proposed  
5 school corporation and a description of the director districts,  
6 if any, the notice for election and the ballot do not need to  
7 include these descriptions. Notice for an election shall not be  
8 published until the expiration of time for appeal, which shall be  
9 the same as that provided in section 275.15 or 275.16, whichever  
10 is applicable; and if there is an appeal, not until the appeal  
11 has been disposed of.

12 Sec. 39. Section 275.54, subsection 1, Code 2026, is amended  
13 to read as follows:

14 1. Within ten days following the filing of the dissolution  
15 proposal with the board, the board shall fix a date for a hearing  
16 on the proposal which shall not be more than sixty days after  
17 the dissolution petition was filed with the board. The board  
18 shall publish notice of the date, time, and location of the  
19 hearing at least ten days prior to the date of the hearing by one  
20 ~~publication in a newspaper in general circulation in the district~~  
21 as provided in chapter 618. The notice shall include the content  
22 of the dissolution proposal. A person residing or owning land  
23 in the school district may present evidence and arguments at  
24 the hearing. The president of the board shall preside at the  
25 hearing. The board shall review testimony from the hearing and  
26 shall adopt or amend and adopt the dissolution proposal.

27 Sec. 40. Section 275.55, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended  
28 to read as follows:

29 2. The board shall give written notice of the election to  
30 the county commissioner of elections. The county commissioner of  
31 elections shall give notice of the election by one publication ~~in~~  
32 the same newspaper as provided in chapter 618 in the same manner  
33 in which the previous notice was published about the hearing,  
34 which publication shall not be less than four nor more than  
35 twenty days prior to the election.

1     Sec. 41. Section 279.36, Code 2026, is amended to read as  
2 follows:

3     **279.36 Publication procedures and fee.**

4     ~~1. The requirements of section 279.35 are satisfied by~~  
5 ~~publication in at least one newspaper published in the district~~  
6 ~~or, if there is none, in at least one newspaper having general~~  
7 ~~circulation within the district as provided in chapter 618.~~

8     ~~2. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1989, and each~~  
9 ~~fiscal year thereafter, the fee for the publications shall be the~~  
10 ~~legal publication fee provided by section 618.11.~~

11     Sec. 42. Section 303.44, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2026,  
12 is amended to read as follows:

13     The board of supervisors to whom the petition is addressed,  
14 at its next regular, special, or adjourned meeting, shall set  
15 the time and place when it will meet for a hearing upon the  
16 petition, and direct the county auditor in whose office the  
17 petition is filed to cause notice to be given to all persons whom  
18 it may concern, without naming them, of the pendency and prayer  
19 of the petition, by publication of a notice once each week for  
20 two consecutive weeks ~~in some newspaper of general circulation~~  
21 published as provided in chapter 618 in the proposed district.  
22 The last publication shall not be less than twenty days prior  
23 to the date set for the hearing of the petition. ~~If no such~~  
24 ~~newspaper is published in the proposed district, then notice~~  
25 ~~shall be by posting at least five copies of the notice in the~~  
26 ~~proposed district at least twenty days before the hearing. Proof~~  
27 ~~of giving notice shall be made by affidavit of the publisher or~~  
28 ~~affidavit of the person who posted the notices, and the proof~~  
29 ~~shall be on file with the county auditor at the time the hearing~~  
30 ~~begins. The notice of hearing shall be directed to all persons~~  
31 ~~it may concern, and shall state the following:~~

32     Sec. 43. Section 303.46, Code 2026, is amended to read as  
33 follows:

34     **303.46 Notice of election.**

35     In its order for the election the board of supervisors shall

1 direct the county auditor to cause notice of the election to  
2 be given by posting at least five copies of the notice in  
3 public places in the proposed district at least twenty days  
4 before the date of election and by publication of the notice  
5 once each week for three consecutive weeks ~~in some newspaper of~~  
6 ~~general circulation published as provided in chapter 618 in the~~  
7 ~~proposed district, or, if no such newspaper is published within~~  
8 ~~the proposed district, then in such a newspaper published in~~  
9 ~~the county in which the major part of the proposed district is~~  
10 ~~located.~~ The last publication is to be at least twenty days  
11 prior to the date of election. The notice shall state the  
12 time and place of holding the election and the hours when the  
13 polls will be open and closed, the purpose of the election,  
14 with the name of the proposed district and a description of  
15 its boundaries, and shall set forth briefly the limits of each  
16 voting precinct and the location of the polling places. Proof of  
17 posting and publication shall be made in the manner provided in  
18 section 303.44 and filed with the county auditor.

19 Sec. 44. Section 303.52, subsection 3, Code 2026, is amended  
20 to read as follows:

21 3. The board of trustees shall provide for the manner in  
22 which the land use plan shall be established and enforced and  
23 amended, supplemented, or changed. However, a plan shall not  
24 become effective until after a public hearing on it, at which  
25 parties in interest and citizens of the district shall have an  
26 opportunity to be heard. At least fifteen days' notice of the  
27 time and place of the hearing shall be published ~~in a newspaper~~  
28 ~~of general circulation as provided in chapter 618 within the~~  
29 district giving the time, date, and location of the public  
30 hearing.

31 Sec. 45. Section 306.12, Code 2026, is amended to read as  
32 follows:

33 **306.12 Notice — service.**

34 Notice of the hearing under section 306.11 shall be published  
35 ~~in a newspaper of general circulation as provided in chapter~~

1 618 in the county or counties where the road is located, not  
2 less than four nor more than twenty days prior to the date  
3 of hearing. The agency which is holding the hearing shall  
4 notify all adjoining property owners, all utility companies  
5 whose facilities adjoin the road right-of-way or are on the  
6 road right-of-way, and the department, boards of supervisors, or  
7 agency in control of affected state lands, of the time and place  
8 of the hearing, by certified mail.

9 Sec. 46. Section 309.96, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended  
10 to read as follows:

11 2. In the event that a county secondary road budget or  
12 amended budget thereto is disapproved by the department, the  
13 county may elect either to revise such budget or amended budget  
14 so as to receive approval or the county may elect to operate  
15 with such disapproved budget or amended budget. In the event the  
16 county secondary road budget is disapproved in whole or in part,  
17 within twenty days after receipt of the department's report, the  
18 board of supervisors shall cause to be published ~~in the official~~  
19 ~~newspapers of the county~~ as provided in chapter 618, notice of a  
20 public hearing to be held within ten days of said publication, on  
21 the department's recommendations, and at said hearing the board  
22 of supervisors shall amend or adopt their original budget.

23 Sec. 47. Section 321.89, subsection 3, paragraph g, Code  
24 2026, is amended to read as follows:

25 g. If it is impossible to determine with reasonable certainty  
26 the identities and addresses of the last registered owner and  
27 all lienholders, notice by one publication ~~in one newspaper of~~  
28 ~~general circulation in the area where the vehicle was abandoned~~  
29 as provided in chapter 618 shall be sufficient to meet all  
30 requirements of notice under this section. The published notice  
31 may contain multiple listings of abandoned vehicles but shall be  
32 published within the same time requirements and contain the same  
33 information as prescribed for mailed notice in this subsection.

34 Sec. 48. Section 321.236, subsection 13, paragraph b, Code  
35 2026, is amended to read as follows:

1     b. Before establishing a rural residence district, the board  
2 of supervisors shall hold a public hearing on the proposal,  
3 notice of which shall be published ~~in a newspaper having a~~  
4 general circulation as provided in chapter 618 in the area where  
5 the proposed district is located at least twenty days before the  
6 date of hearing. The notice shall state the time and place of  
7 the hearing, the proposed location of the district, and other  
8 data considered pertinent by the board of supervisors.

9     Sec. 49. Section 330A.6, subsection 1, unnumbered paragraph  
10 1, Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

11     Whenever the governing body of any municipality shall desire  
12 to participate in the creation of an authority it shall adopt a  
13 resolution signifying its intention to do so and shall publish  
14 said resolution at least one time ~~in a newspaper of general~~  
15 circulation as provided in chapter 618 in such municipality  
16 giving notice of a hearing to be held on the question of the  
17 municipality's entry into such authority. Such resolution shall  
18 be published at least fourteen days prior to the date of hearing,  
19 and shall contain therein the following information:

20     Sec. 50. Section 330A.7, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended  
21 to read as follows:

22     2. A municipality wishing to withdraw from or to become a  
23 member of an existing authority shall signify its intention by  
24 resolution and shall publish the resolution at least one time  
25 ~~in a newspaper of general circulation as provided in chapter~~  
26 618 in the municipality giving notice of a hearing to be held  
27 on the question of withdrawing or joining and its intention to  
28 withdraw or join. The resolution shall be published at least  
29 fourteen days prior to the date of the hearing. A withdrawing  
30 municipality shall state in the resolution how it intends to pay  
31 its portion of the outstanding obligations of the authority, if  
32 any. A joining municipality shall state in the resolution the  
33 information required in section 330A.6. A copy of the resolution  
34 shall be certified to the authority by the municipality at least  
35 fourteen days in advance of the hearing. The board shall by

1 resolution indicate whether a satisfactory provision has been  
2 made for the payment of the outstanding obligations of the  
3 authority, as required under subsection 1. After the hearing  
4 and if the outstanding obligations of the authority have been  
5 adequately provided for by the municipality, the municipality may  
6 enact an ordinance to withdraw from or join the authority.

7 Sec. 51. Section 330A.11, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended  
8 to read as follows:

9 2. The proposed action of an authority, and the proposed  
10 agreement to acquire, shall be approved by the governing body  
11 of the owner of the aviation facilities. Whenever the governing  
12 body of any municipality, airport commission, or authority, shall  
13 desire to sell, lease, lend, grant, or convey to the authority,  
14 any aviation facilities or any part or parts thereof, as  
15 aforesaid, it shall adopt a resolution signifying its intention  
16 to do so and shall publish said resolution at least one time ~~in~~  
17 ~~a newspaper of general circulation as provided in chapter 618 in~~  
18 ~~said municipality and in a newspaper or newspapers, if necessary,~~  
19 ~~of general circulation of~~ in the area served by said airport  
20 commission or authority giving notice of a hearing to be held  
21 on the question of said sale, lease, loan, grant, or conveyance.  
22 Such resolution shall be published at least fourteen days prior  
23 to the date of hearing. After the hearing and if in the public  
24 interest, said municipality shall enact an ordinance authorizing  
25 said sale, lease, loan, grant, or conveyance and said airport  
26 commission or authority shall pass a resolution authorizing said  
27 sale, lease, loan, grant, or conveyance.

28 Sec. 52. Section 331.207, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended  
29 to read as follows:

30 2. The petition shall be filed with the county commissioner  
31 by June 1 of an odd-numbered year, subject to subsection 7.  
32 The special election shall be held on the first Tuesday after  
33 the first Monday in November of the odd-numbered year. Notice  
34 of the special election shall be published once each week for  
35 three successive weeks ~~in an official newspaper of the county as~~

1 provided in chapter 618, shall state the representation plans to  
2 be submitted to the electors, and shall state the date of the  
3 special election. The last in the series of publications shall  
4 occur not less than four nor more than twenty days before the  
5 election.

6 Sec. 53. Section 331.302, subsection 8, Code 2026, is amended  
7 to read as follows:

8 8. A resolution becomes effective upon passage and an  
9 ordinance or amendment becomes a law when a summary of the  
10 ordinance or the complete text of the ordinance is published  
11 as provided in chapter 618, unless a subsequent effective date  
12 is provided within the measure. As used in this subsection,  
13 "summary" shall mean a narrative description of the terms and  
14 conditions of an ordinance setting forth the main points of the  
15 ordinance in a manner calculated to inform the public in a clear  
16 and understandable manner the meaning of the ordinance and which  
17 shall provide the public with sufficient notice to conform to the  
18 desired conduct required by the ordinance. The description shall  
19 include the title of the ordinance, an accurate and intelligible  
20 abstract or synopsis of the essential elements of the ordinance,  
21 a statement that the description is a summary, the location and  
22 the normal business hours of the office where the ordinance may  
23 be inspected, when the ordinance becomes effective, and the full  
24 text of any provisions imposing fines, penalties, forfeitures,  
25 fees, or taxes. Legal descriptions of property set forth in  
26 ordinances shall be described in full, provided that maps or  
27 charts may be substituted for legal descriptions when they  
28 contain sufficient detail to clearly define the area with which  
29 the ordinance is concerned. The narrative description shall be  
30 written in a clear and coherent manner and shall, to the extent  
31 possible, avoid the use of technical or legal terms not generally  
32 familiar to the public. When necessary to use technical or  
33 legal terms not generally familiar to the public, the narrative  
34 description shall include definitions of those terms.

35 Sec. 54. Section 331.305, subsection 1, Code 2026, is amended

1 to read as follows:

2 1. Unless otherwise provided by state law, if notice of an  
3 election, hearing, or other official action is required by this  
4 chapter, the board shall publish the notice ~~at least once, not~~  
5 ~~less than four nor more than twenty days before the date of the~~  
6 ~~election, hearing, or other action, in one or more newspapers~~  
7 ~~which meet the requirements of section 618.14~~ as provided in  
8 chapter 618. Notice of an election shall also comply with  
9 section 49.53.

10 Sec. 55. Section 331.385, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended  
11 to read as follows:

12 2. The board of supervisors shall publish notice of the  
13 proposed resolution, and of a public hearing to be held on the  
14 proposed resolution, ~~in a newspaper of general circulation~~ as  
15 provided in chapter 618 in the county at least ten days but no  
16 more than twenty days before the date of the public hearing.  
17 If, after notice and hearing, the resolution is adopted, the  
18 board of supervisors shall assume the exercise of the powers and  
19 duties of township trustees relating to fire protection service  
20 and emergency medical service as set forth in sections 359.42  
21 through 359.45.

22 Sec. 56. Section 331.425, subsection 5, Code 2026, is amended  
23 to read as follows:

24 5. Notice of the proposed special levy election shall be  
25 published at least twice ~~in a newspaper as specified in section~~  
26 ~~331.305~~ as provided in chapter 618 prior to the date of the  
27 special levy election. The first notice shall appear as early as  
28 practicable after the board has decided to seek a special levy.

29 Sec. 57. Section 331.434, subsections 3 and 6, Code 2026, are  
30 amended to read as follows:

31 3. Following, and not until, the requirements of section  
32 24.2A are completed, the board shall set a time and place for  
33 a public hearing on the budget before the final certification  
34 date and shall publish notice of the hearing not less than ten  
35 nor more than twenty days prior to the hearing ~~in the county~~

1 ~~newspapers selected under chapter 349~~ as provided in chapter  
2 618. A summary of the proposed budget and a description of  
3 the procedure for protesting the county budget under section  
4 331.436, in the form prescribed by the director of the department  
5 of management, shall be included in the notice. Proof of  
6 publication of the notice under this subsection 3 shall be  
7 filed with and preserved by the county auditor. A levy is not  
8 valid unless and until the notice is published and individual  
9 statements under section 24.2A are mailed. The department of  
10 management shall prescribe the form for the public hearing notice  
11 for use by counties.

12 6. The board shall appropriate, by resolution, the amounts  
13 deemed necessary for each of the different county officers  
14 and departments during the ensuing fiscal year. Increases  
15 or decreases in these appropriations do not require a budget  
16 amendment, but may be provided by resolution at a regular meeting  
17 of the board, as long as each class of proposed expenditures  
18 contained in the budget summary published under subsection  
19 3 of this section is not increased. However, decreases in  
20 appropriations for a county officer or department of more than  
21 ten percent or five thousand dollars, whichever is greater, shall  
22 not be effective unless the board sets a time and place for a  
23 public hearing on the proposed decrease and publishes notice of  
24 the hearing not less than ten nor more than twenty days prior to  
25 the hearing ~~in the county newspapers selected under chapter 349~~  
26 as provided in chapter 618.

27 Sec. 58. Section 331.443, subsection 3, paragraph a, Code  
28 2026, is amended to read as follows:

29 a. Notwithstanding subsection 2, a board may institute  
30 proceedings for the issuance of bonds for an essential county  
31 purpose specified in section 331.441, subsection 2, paragraph  
32 "b", subparagraph (18) or (19), in an amount equal to or greater  
33 than three million dollars by causing a notice of the proposal  
34 to issue the bonds, including a statement of the amount and  
35 purpose of the bonds, together with the maximum rate of interest

1 which the bonds are to bear, and the right to petition for an  
2 election, to be published at least once ~~in a newspaper of general~~  
3 circulation as provided in chapter 618 within the county at least  
4 ten days prior to the meeting at which it is proposed to take  
5 action for the issuance of the bonds.

6 Sec. 59. Section 341A.6, subsection 6, Code 2026, is amended  
7 to read as follows:

8 6. To arrange, compile, and administer competitive tests  
9 to determine the relative qualifications of persons seeking  
10 employment in any class of position and as a result thereof  
11 establish eligible lists for the various classes of positions,  
12 and provide that persons discharged because of curtailment of  
13 expenditures, reduction in force, and for like causes, head the  
14 list in the order of their seniority, to the end that they shall  
15 be the first to be reemployed. Notice of competitive tests to  
16 be given shall be published at least two weeks prior to holding  
17 the tests ~~in a newspaper of general circulation as provided in~~  
18 chapter 618 in the county or counties in which a vacancy exists.

19 Sec. 60. Section 346.27, subsection 10, paragraph b, Code  
20 2026, is amended to read as follows:

21 b. In addition to the notice required by section 49.53, a  
22 notice of the election shall be published once each week for  
23 at least two weeks ~~in some newspaper published in the county~~  
24 as provided in chapter 618 stating the date of the election,  
25 the hours the polls will be open, and a copy of the question.  
26 The authority shall call this election with the concurrence of  
27 both incorporating units. The election shall be conducted by the  
28 commissioner in accordance with the provisions of chapters 49 and  
29 50.

30 Sec. 61. Section 347.7, subsection 4, paragraph a, Code 2026,  
31 is amended to read as follows:

32 a. The tax levy authorized by this section for operation and  
33 maintenance of the hospital may be available in whole or in  
34 part to any county with or without a county hospital organized  
35 under this chapter, to be used to enhance rural health services

1 in the county. However, the tax levied may be expended for  
 2 enhancement of rural health care services only following a  
 3 local planning process. The department of health and human  
 4 services shall establish guidelines to be followed by counties  
 5 in implementing the local planning process which shall require  
 6 legal notice, public hearings, and a referendum in accordance  
 7 with this subsection prior to the authorization of any new levy  
 8 or a change in the use of a levy. The notice shall describe  
 9 the new levy or the change in the use of the levy, indicate the  
 10 date and location of the hearing, and shall be published at least  
 11 once each week for two consecutive weeks ~~in a newspaper having~~  
 12 general circulation as provided in chapter 618 in the county.  
 13 The hearing shall not take place prior to two weeks after the  
 14 second publication.

15 Sec. 62. Section 349.16, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2026,  
 16 is amended to read as follows:

17 There shall be published as provided in chapter 618 and in  
 18 each of the official newspapers at the expense of the county  
 19 during the ensuing year:

20 Sec. 63. Section 349.18, subsection 3, paragraph b, Code  
 21 2026, is amended to read as follows:

22 b. In addition to the requirements in paragraph "a", ~~if a~~  
 23 ~~county operates an internet site,~~ the county auditor shall post  
 24 the full text of all resolutions adopted by the board ~~on the~~  
 25 ~~internet site~~ as provided in chapter 618. Any posted summary or  
 26 text of a full resolution shall include links directing readers  
 27 to information relevant to the content of the resolution.

28 Sec. 64. Section 352.7, subsection 1, Code 2026, is amended  
 29 to read as follows:

30 1. Within thirty days of receipt of a proposal to create  
 31 or expand an agricultural area which meets the statutory  
 32 requirements, the county board shall provide notice of the  
 33 proposal by publishing notice ~~in a newspaper of general~~  
 34 ~~circulation~~ as provided in chapter 618 in the county. Within  
 35 forty-five days after receipt of the proposal, the county board

1 shall hold a public hearing on the proposal.

2 Sec. 65. Section 357A.6, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended  
3 to read as follows:

4 2. If the supervisors find that required notice of the  
5 hearing has been given and that the proposed district is  
6 reasonably necessary for the public health, convenience, and  
7 comfort of the residents, or may be of benefit in providing fire  
8 protection, they shall make an order establishing the district  
9 as a political subdivision, designating the district's boundary,  
10 and identifying the district by name or number. The order shall  
11 be published as provided in chapter 618 in the same newspaper  
12 manner in which published the notice of hearing was published.  
13 The supervisors shall prepare and preserve a complete record of  
14 the hearing on the petition and their findings and action.

15 Sec. 66. Section 357A.11, subsection 13, paragraph b, Code  
16 2026, is amended to read as follows:

17 b. Prior to such sale, conveyance, merger, or disposition  
18 by the board that includes the relinquishment of the district's  
19 right to provide service to an area, the board shall publish  
20 notice of a public hearing not less than four nor more than  
21 twenty days before the date fixed for the hearing ~~in a newspaper~~  
22 ~~of general circulation~~ as provided in chapter 618 in the area  
23 for which the board seeks to relinquish service. The board  
24 shall mail notice of a public hearing to the district's members  
25 in the area for which the board seeks to relinquish service  
26 not less than fourteen days prior to such public hearing. A  
27 public hearing is not required when the board relinquishes the  
28 district's right to service an area within the corporate limits  
29 of a city if the city will provide service in compliance with the  
30 city's annexation plan.

31 Sec. 67. Section 357A.24, subsection 4, paragraph b, Code  
32 2026, is amended to read as follows:

33 b. The order shall be published as provided in chapter 618 in  
34 the same ~~newspaper~~ manner in which published the notice of the  
35 hearing was published.

1     Sec. 68. Section 357B.18, Code 2026, is amended to read as  
2 follows:

3     **357B.18 Detachment of land from district.**

4     The trustees of a township, after notice and a public hearing,  
5 may withdraw the township or part of the township from a  
6 benefited fire district. Notice of the time, date and place  
7 of the hearing shall be published at least two weeks before the  
8 hearing ~~in a newspaper having general circulation as provided in~~  
9 chapter 618 within the township. The notice shall also identify  
10 the area to be withdrawn. After the hearing on the proposed  
11 withdrawal, the township trustees, by majority vote, may withdraw  
12 the township or a part of the township from the benefited fire  
13 district. If the township trustees take final action to withdraw  
14 on or before March 1 of a fiscal year, the effective date of the  
15 withdrawal is the following July 1. However, if final action to  
16 withdraw is taken after March 1, the withdrawal is not effective  
17 until July 1 of the following calendar year. If bonds issued  
18 under section 357B.4 are outstanding at the time of withdrawal,  
19 the board of supervisors shall continue to levy an annual tax  
20 against the taxable property being withdrawn to pay its share  
21 of the outstanding obligation of the district relating to those  
22 bonds.

23     Sec. 69. Section 358.40, subsections 3 and 4, Code 2026, are  
24 amended to read as follows:

25     3. The board shall examine the petition at its next meeting  
26 after its filing or within twenty days of the filing, whichever  
27 date is earlier. Within ten days of the meeting, the board  
28 shall publish notice of the petition and the date, time, and  
29 place of the meeting at which time the board proposes to take  
30 action on the petition. The notice shall be published ~~in a~~  
31 ~~newspaper of general circulation published in the district and,~~  
32 ~~if no newspaper is published within the district, in a newspaper~~  
33 ~~published in the county in which the major part of the district~~  
34 ~~is located~~ as provided in chapter 618. At the board's meeting,  
35 or subsequent meetings as necessary, if the petition is found to

1 comply with the requirements of this section and the board of  
2 trustees consents by majority vote, the board of supervisors may  
3 provide for payment as requested or modify the method of payment  
4 of costs and expenses.

5 4. If the board decides that dissolution is warranted for  
6 the best interest of the public, it shall publish a notice ~~in~~  
7 ~~a newspaper of general circulation published in the district or,~~  
8 ~~if no newspaper is published in the district, in a newspaper~~  
9 ~~published in the county in which the major part of the district~~  
10 ~~is located~~ as provided in chapter 618 and give notice by mail  
11 to all known claimants or creditors of the district that it  
12 will receive and adjudicate claims against the district for four  
13 months from the date the notice is published and shall levy an  
14 annual tax as necessary against all property in the district for  
15 the number of years required to pay all claims allowed. However,  
16 the annual tax levied under this subsection shall not exceed  
17 four dollars per thousand dollars of assessed valuation of the  
18 taxable property within the district at the time of dissolution.  
19 The levy shall be made in the same manner as provided in  
20 section 76.2. After the board makes a specific finding that  
21 all indebtedness, costs, and expenses have been paid or levies  
22 approved for their payment, the board shall dissolve the district  
23 by resolution entered upon its records. The dissolution order  
24 shall be noted by the auditor on the county records, showing the  
25 date when the dissolution became effective.

26 Sec. 70. Section 359.52, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code  
27 2026, is amended to read as follows:

28 a. The board of trustees shall set forth its proposal in a  
29 resolution and shall publish notice of the resolution and of a  
30 date, time, and place of a public hearing on the proposal. The  
31 notice shall be published ~~in a newspaper published at least once~~  
32 ~~weekly and having general circulation in the township or in the~~  
33 ~~largest city in the township~~ as provided in chapter 618. The  
34 notice shall be published no less than ten days and no more than  
35 twenty days before the hearing.

1 Sec. 71. Section 362.3, subsection 1, paragraph b, Code 2026,  
2 is amended to read as follows:

3 b. A publication required by the city code must be ~~in a~~  
4 ~~newspaper published at least once weekly and having general~~  
5 ~~circulation in the city. However, if the city has a population~~  
6 ~~of two hundred or less, or in the case of ordinances and~~  
7 ~~amendments to be published in a city in which no newspaper is~~  
8 ~~published, a publication may be made by posting in three public~~  
9 ~~places in the city which have been permanently designated by~~  
10 ordinance published as provided in chapter 618.

11 Sec. 72. Section 362.3, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended  
12 by striking the subsection.

13 Sec. 73. Section 364.2, subsection 4, paragraph c, Code 2026,  
14 is amended to read as follows:

15 c. Notice of the election shall be given by publication as  
16 prescribed in section 49.53 ~~in a newspaper of general circulation~~  
17 in the city and chapter 618.

18 Sec. 74. Section 364.4, subsection 4, paragraph e,  
19 subparagraph (2), subparagraph division (a), Code 2026, is  
20 amended to read as follows:

21 (a) The governing body must institute proceedings to enter  
22 into a lease or lease-purchase contract payable from the general  
23 fund by causing a notice of the meeting to discuss entering into  
24 the lease or lease-purchase contract, including a statement of  
25 the principal amount and purpose of the lease or lease-purchase  
26 contract and the right to petition for an election, to be  
27 published at least once ~~in a newspaper of general circulation as~~  
28 provided in chapter 618 within the city at least ten days prior  
29 to the discussion meeting. No sooner than thirty days following  
30 the discussion meeting shall the governing body hold a meeting at  
31 which it is proposed to take action to enter into the lease or  
32 lease-purchase contract.

33 Sec. 75. Section 368.4, Code 2026, is amended to read as  
34 follows:

35 **368.4 Annexing moratorium.**

1 A city, following notice and hearing, may by resolution agree  
2 with another city or cities to refrain from annexing specifically  
3 described territory for a period not to exceed ten years and,  
4 following notice and hearing, may by resolution extend the  
5 agreement for subsequent periods not to exceed ten years each.  
6 Notice of a hearing shall be served by regular mail at least  
7 thirty days before the hearing on the city development board  
8 and on the board of supervisors of the county in which the  
9 territory is located and shall be published ~~in an official county~~  
10 ~~newspaper~~ as provided in chapter 618 in each county containing a  
11 city conducting a hearing regarding the agreement, ~~in an official~~  
12 ~~county newspaper~~ in any county within two miles of any such  
13 city, and in ~~an official newspaper of~~ each city conducting a  
14 hearing regarding the agreement. The notice shall include the  
15 time and place of the hearing, describe the territory subject to  
16 the proposed agreement, and the general terms of the agreement.  
17 After passage of a resolution by the cities approving the  
18 agreements, a copy of the agreement and a copy of any resolution  
19 extending an agreement shall be filed with the city development  
20 board within ten days of enactment. If such an agreement is in  
21 force, the board shall dismiss a petition or plan which violates  
22 the terms of the agreement.

23 Sec. 76. Section 368.7, subsection 1, paragraph d, Code 2026,  
24 is amended to read as follows:

25 d. The city shall provide for a public hearing on the  
26 application before approving or denying it. The city shall  
27 provide written notice at least fourteen business days prior  
28 to any action by the city council regarding the application,  
29 including a public hearing, by regular mail to the chairperson of  
30 the board of supervisors of each county which contains a portion  
31 of the territory proposed to be annexed, each public utility  
32 which serves the territory proposed to be annexed, each owner of  
33 property located within the territory to be annexed who is not a  
34 party to the application, and each owner of property that adjoins  
35 the territory to be annexed unless the adjoining property is in

1 a city. The city shall publish notice of the application and  
2 public hearing on the application ~~in an official county newspaper~~  
3 ~~in each county which contains a portion of the territory proposed~~  
4 ~~to be annexed~~ as provided in chapter 618. Both the written  
5 and published notice shall include the time and place of the  
6 public hearing and a legal description of the territory to be  
7 annexed. The city shall not assess the costs of providing  
8 notice as required in this section to the applicants. The city  
9 council shall approve or deny the application by resolution of  
10 the council.

11 Sec. 77. Section 368.7, subsections 2 and 3, Code 2026, are  
12 amended to read as follows:

13 2. An application for annexation of territory not within  
14 an urbanized area of a city other than the city to which the  
15 annexation is directed must be approved by resolution of the  
16 council which receives the application. The city council shall  
17 mail a copy of the application by certified mail to the board  
18 of supervisors of each county which contains a portion of the  
19 territory at least fourteen business days prior to any action  
20 taken by the city council on the application. The council  
21 shall also publish notice of the application ~~in an official~~  
22 ~~county newspaper in each county which contains a portion of~~  
23 ~~the territory~~ as provided in chapter 618 at least fourteen days  
24 prior to any action taken by the council on the application.  
25 Upon receiving approval of the council, the city clerk shall  
26 file a copy of the resolution, map, and legal description of  
27 the territory involved with the secretary of state, the county  
28 board of supervisors of each county which contains a portion  
29 of the territory, each affected public utility, and the state  
30 department of transportation. The city clerk shall also record  
31 a copy of the legal description, map, and resolution with the  
32 county recorder of each county which contains a portion of  
33 the territory. The secretary of state shall not accept and  
34 acknowledge a copy of a legal description, map, and resolution  
35 of annexation which would create an island. The annexation is

1 completed upon acknowledgment by the secretary of state that the  
2 secretary of state has received the legal description, map, and  
3 resolution.

4 3. An application for annexation of territory within an  
5 urbanized area of a city other than the city to which the  
6 annexation is directed must be approved both by resolution of the  
7 council which receives the application and by the board. The  
8 board shall not approve an application which creates an island.  
9 Notice of the application shall be mailed by certified mail, by  
10 the city to which the annexation is directed, at least fourteen  
11 business days prior to any action by the city council on the  
12 application to the council of each city whose boundary adjoins  
13 the territory or is within two miles of the territory, to the  
14 board of supervisors of each county which contains a portion of  
15 the territory, each affected public utility, and to the regional  
16 planning authority of the territory. Notice of the application  
17 shall be published ~~in an official county newspaper in each county~~  
18 ~~which contains a portion of the territory~~ as provided in chapter  
19 618 at least ten business days prior to any action by the city  
20 council on the application. The annexation is completed when  
21 the board has filed and recorded copies of applicable portions  
22 of the proceedings as required by section 368.20, subsection 1,  
23 paragraph "b".

24 Sec. 78. Section 368.11, subsection 5, Code 2026, is amended  
25 to read as follows:

26 5. Before a petition for involuntary annexation may be filed,  
27 the petitioner shall hold a public meeting on the petition.  
28 Notice of the meeting shall be published ~~in an official county~~  
29 ~~newspaper~~ as provided in chapter 618 in each county which  
30 contains a part of the territory at least five days before the  
31 date of the public meeting. The mayor of the city proposing to  
32 annex the territory, or that person's designee, shall serve as  
33 chairperson of the public meeting. The city clerk of the same  
34 city or the city clerk's designee shall record the proceedings of  
35 the public meeting. Any person attending the meeting may submit

1 written comments and may be heard on the petition. The minutes  
2 of the public meeting and all documents submitted at the public  
3 meeting shall be forwarded to the county board of supervisors of  
4 each county where the territory is located and to the board by  
5 the chairperson of the meeting.

6 Sec. 79. Section 373.4, subsection 1, Code 2026, is amended  
7 to read as follows:

8 1. Within sixty days after its organization, the commission  
9 shall hold at least one public hearing for the purpose of  
10 receiving information and material which will assist in the  
11 drafting of a charter. Notice of the date, time, and place of  
12 the hearing shall be published ~~in the official county newspapers~~  
13 ~~of~~ as provided in chapter 618 in each county in which the  
14 participating cities are located.

15 Sec. 80. Section 384.16, subsection 3, Code 2026, is amended  
16 to read as follows:

17 3. Following, and not until, completion of requirements of  
18 section 24.2A, the council shall set a time and place for public  
19 hearing on the budget before the final certification date and  
20 shall publish notice of the hearing ~~pursuant to section 362.3 in~~  
21 ~~a newspaper published at least once weekly and having general~~  
22 ~~circulation in the city. However, if the city has a population~~  
23 ~~of two hundred or less, publication may be made by posting in~~  
24 ~~three public places in the city~~ as provided in chapter 618. A  
25 summary of the proposed budget and a description of the procedure  
26 for protesting the city budget under section 384.19, in the form  
27 prescribed by the director of the department of management, shall  
28 be included in the notice. Proof of publication of the notice  
29 under this subsection 3 must be filed with the county auditor.  
30 The department of management shall prescribe the form for the  
31 public hearing notice for use by cities.

32 Sec. 81. Section 384.24A, subsection 4, paragraph b,  
33 subparagraph (1), Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

34 (1) The governing body must institute proceedings to enter  
35 into a loan agreement payable from the general fund by causing

1 a notice of the meeting to discuss entering into the loan  
2 agreement, including a statement of the principal amount and  
3 purpose of the loan agreement and the right to petition for an  
4 election, to be published at least once ~~in a newspaper of general~~  
5 circulation as provided in chapter 618 within the city at least  
6 ten days prior to the discussion meeting. No sooner than thirty  
7 days following the discussion meeting shall the governing body  
8 hold a meeting at which it is proposed to take action to enter  
9 into the loan agreement.

10 Sec. 82. Section 384.25, subsection 3, paragraph a, Code  
11 2026, is amended to read as follows:

12 a. Notwithstanding subsection 2, a council may institute  
13 proceedings for the issuance of bonds for an essential corporate  
14 purpose specified in section 384.24, subsection 3, paragraph "w"  
15 or "x", in an amount equal to or greater than three million  
16 dollars by causing a notice of the proposal to issue the bonds,  
17 including a statement of the amount and purpose of the bonds,  
18 together with the maximum rate of interest which the bonds are to  
19 bear, and the right to petition for an election, to be published  
20 at least once ~~in a newspaper of general circulation as provided~~  
21 in chapter 618 within the city at least ten days prior to the  
22 meeting at which it is proposed to take action for the issuance  
23 of the bonds.

24 Sec. 83. Section 384.26, subsection 5, paragraph a,  
25 unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

26 Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 2, a council may,  
27 in lieu of calling an election, institute proceedings for the  
28 issuance of bonds for a general corporate purpose by causing a  
29 notice of the proposal to issue the bonds, including a statement  
30 of the amount and purpose of the bonds, together with the maximum  
31 rate of interest which the bonds are to bear, and the right  
32 to petition for an election, to be published at least once ~~in~~  
33 a newspaper of general circulation as provided in chapter 618  
34 within the city at least ten days prior to the meeting at which  
35 it is proposed to take action for the issuance of the bonds

1 subject to the following population-based limitations, adjusted  
2 and published annually in January by the department of management  
3 by applying the percentage change in the consumer price index for  
4 all urban consumers for the most recent available twelve-month  
5 period published in the federal register by the United States  
6 department of labor, bureau of labor statistics:

7 Sec. 84. Section 384.84A, subsection 1, Code 2026, is amended  
8 to read as follows:

9 1. The governing body of a city may institute proceedings  
10 to issue revenue bonds for storm water drainage construction  
11 projects under section 384.84, subsection 7, by causing notice  
12 of the proposed project, with a description of the proposed  
13 project and a description of the formula for the determination  
14 of the rate or rates applied to users for payment of the bonds,  
15 and a description of the bonds and maximum rate of interest  
16 and the right to petition for an election if the project meets  
17 the requirement of subsection 2, to be published at least once  
18 ~~in a newspaper of general circulation~~ as provided in chapter  
19 618 within the city at least thirty days before the meeting at  
20 which the governing body proposes to take action to institute  
21 proceedings for issuance of revenue bonds for the storm water  
22 drainage construction project.

23 Sec. 85. Section 403.15, subsection 5, Code 2026, is amended  
24 to read as follows:

25 5. The mayor or chairperson of the board, as applicable,  
26 shall designate a chairperson and vice chairperson from among  
27 the commissioners. An agency may employ an executive director,  
28 technical experts and such other agents and employees, permanent  
29 and temporary, as it may require, and the agency may determine  
30 their qualifications, duties, and compensation. For such legal  
31 service as it may require, an agency may employ or retain its  
32 own counsel and legal staff. An agency authorized to transact  
33 business and exercise powers under this chapter shall file, with  
34 the local governing body, on or before September 30 of each year,  
35 a report of its activities for the preceding fiscal year, which

1 report shall include a complete financial statement setting forth  
2 its assets, liabilities, income and operating expense as of the  
3 end of such fiscal year. At the time of filing the report, the  
4 agency shall ~~publish in a newspaper of general circulation, as~~  
5 provided in chapter 618, in the city or county, as applicable, a  
6 notice to the effect that such report has been filed with the  
7 municipality, and that the report is available for inspection  
8 during business hours in the office of the city clerk or county  
9 auditor, as applicable, and in the office of the agency.

10 Sec. 86. Section 403A.5, subsection 4, paragraph b, Code  
11 2026, is amended to read as follows:

12 b. The mayor shall designate a chairperson and vice  
13 chairperson from among the commissioners. An agency may employ  
14 an executive director, technical experts and such other agents  
15 and employees, permanent and temporary, as it may require,  
16 and the agency may determine their qualifications, duties, and  
17 compensation. For such legal service as it may require, an  
18 agency may employ or retain its own counsel and legal staff.  
19 An agency authorized to transact business and exercise powers  
20 under this chapter shall file, with the local governing body,  
21 on or before September 30 of each year, a report of its  
22 activities for the preceding fiscal year, which report shall  
23 include a complete financial statement setting forth its assets,  
24 liabilities, income, and operating expense as of the end of such  
25 fiscal year. At the time of filing the report, the agency shall  
26 ~~publish in a newspaper of general circulation~~ a notice in the  
27 community ~~a notice~~ as provided in chapter 618 to the effect that  
28 such report has been filed with the municipality, and that the  
29 report is available for inspection during business hours in the  
30 office of the city clerk and in the office of the agency.

31 Sec. 87. Section 403A.28, Code 2026, is amended to read as  
32 follows:

33 **403A.28 Public hearing required.**

34 The municipal housing agency shall not undertake any low-cost  
35 housing project until such time as a public hearing has been

1 called, at which time the agency shall advise the public of the  
 2 name of the proposed project, its location, the number of living  
 3 units proposed and their approximate cost. Notice of the public  
 4 hearing on the proposed project shall be published at least once  
 5 in a newspaper of general circulation as provided in chapter 618  
 6 within the municipality, at least fifteen days prior to the date  
 7 set for the hearing.

8 Sec. 88. Section 419.9, Code 2026, is amended to read as  
 9 follows:

10 **419.9 Public hearing.**

11 Prior to the issuance of any bonds under authority of this  
 12 chapter, the municipality shall conduct a public hearing on the  
 13 proposal to issue said bonds. Notice of intention to issue the  
 14 bonds, specifying the amount and purpose thereof and the time  
 15 and place of hearing, shall be published at least once not less  
 16 than fifteen days prior to the date fixed for the hearing ~~in~~  
 17 ~~a newspaper published and having a general circulation within~~  
 18 ~~the municipality. If there is no newspaper published therein,~~  
 19 ~~the notice shall be published in a newspaper published in the~~  
 20 ~~county and having a general circulation in the municipality as~~  
 21 provided in chapter 618. At the time and place fixed for the  
 22 public hearing the governing body of the municipality shall give  
 23 all local residents who appear at the hearing an opportunity  
 24 to express their views for or against the proposal to issue  
 25 the bonds and at the hearing, or any adjournment thereof, shall  
 26 adopt a resolution determining whether or not to proceed with the  
 27 issuance of the bonds.

28 Sec. 89. Section 422D.1, subsection 2, paragraph a, Code  
 29 2026, is amended to read as follows:

30 a. To be effective, the resolution declaring emergency  
 31 medical services to be an essential service shall be considered  
 32 and voted on for approval at two meetings of the board prior to  
 33 the meeting at which the resolution is to be finally approved by  
 34 a majority of the board by recorded vote, as defined in section  
 35 331.101. Notice of the first meeting of the board at which

1 the resolution is considered and voted on shall be published not  
2 less than sixty days prior to the date of the meeting ~~in one or~~  
3 ~~more newspapers that meet the requirements of section 618.14 as~~  
4 provided in chapter 618. The board shall not suspend or waive  
5 the requirements for approval of the resolution or approval of  
6 the imposition of a tax under this chapter.

7 Sec. 90. Section 423A.7, subsection 4, paragraph f,  
8 subparagraph (1), Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

9 (1) A city or county acting on behalf of an unincorporated  
10 area may, in lieu of calling an election, institute proceedings  
11 for the issuance of bonds under this section by causing a notice  
12 of the proposal to issue the bonds, including a statement of  
13 the amount and purpose of the bonds, together with the maximum  
14 rate of interest which the bonds are to bear, and the right  
15 to petition for an election, to be published at least once ~~in~~  
16 ~~a newspaper of general circulation as provided in chapter 618~~  
17 within the city or unincorporated area at least ten days prior  
18 to the meeting at which it is proposed to take action for the  
19 issuance of the bonds.

20 Sec. 91. Section 423B.9, subsection 4, paragraph a,  
21 subparagraph (1), Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

22 (1) A bond issuer may institute proceedings for the issuance  
23 of bonds by causing a notice of the proposal to issue the bonds,  
24 including a statement of the amount and purpose of the bonds,  
25 together with the maximum rate of interest which the bonds are to  
26 bear, and the right to petition for an election, to be published  
27 at least once ~~in a newspaper of general circulation as provided~~  
28 in chapter 618 within the political subdivision or unincorporated  
29 area at least ten days prior to the meeting at which it is  
30 proposed to take action for the issuance of the bonds.

31 Sec. 92. Section 423F.3, subsection 3, paragraph d, Code  
32 2026, is amended to read as follows:

33 d. The board secretary shall notify the county commissioner  
34 of elections of the intent to take an issue to the voters  
35 pursuant to paragraph "b" or "c". The county commissioner of

1 elections shall publish the notices required by law for special  
2 or general elections as provided in chapter 618, and the election  
3 shall be held on a date specified in section 39.2, subsection 4,  
4 paragraph "c". A majority of those voting on the question must  
5 favor approval of the revenue purpose statement. If the proposal  
6 is not approved, the school district shall not submit the same or  
7 new revenue purpose statement to the electors for a period of six  
8 months from the date of the previous election.

9 Sec. 93. Section 423F.3, subsection 7, paragraph a, Code  
10 2026, is amended to read as follows:

11 a. Prior to approving the use of revenues received under this  
12 chapter for an athletic facility infrastructure project within  
13 the scope of the school district's approved revenue purpose  
14 statement or pursuant to subsection 4 for a school district  
15 without an approved revenue statement, the board of directors  
16 shall adopt a resolution setting forth the proposal for the  
17 athletic facility infrastructure project and hold an additional  
18 public hearing on the issue of construction of the athletic  
19 facility. Notice of the time and place of the public hearing  
20 shall be published not less than ten nor more than twenty days  
21 before the public hearing ~~in a newspaper which is a newspaper~~  
22 ~~of general circulation in the school district~~ as provided in  
23 chapter 618. If at any time prior to the fifteenth day following  
24 the hearing, the secretary of the board of directors receives a  
25 petition containing the required number of signatures and asking  
26 that the question of the approval of the use of revenues for  
27 the athletic facility infrastructure project be submitted to the  
28 voters of the school district, the board of directors shall  
29 either rescind the board's resolution for the use of revenues  
30 for the athletic facility infrastructure project or direct the  
31 county commissioner of elections to submit the question to the  
32 registered voters of the school district at an election held  
33 on a date specified in section 39.2, subsection 4, paragraph  
34 "c". The petition must be signed by eligible electors equal  
35 in number to not less than one hundred or thirty percent of

1 the number of voters at the last preceding election of school  
2 officials under section 277.1, whichever is greater. If a  
3 majority of those voting on the question favors the use of the  
4 revenues for the athletic facility infrastructure project, the  
5 board shall be authorized to approve such use by resolution of  
6 the board. If a majority of those voting on the question does  
7 not favor the use of the revenues for the athletic facility  
8 infrastructure project, the board of directors shall rescind the  
9 board's resolution for the use of revenues for the athletic  
10 facility infrastructure project. If a petition is not received  
11 by the board of directors within the prescribed time period,  
12 the board of directors may approve the use of revenues for the  
13 athletic facility infrastructure project without voter approval.

14 Sec. 94. Section 423F.4, subsection 2, paragraph a, Code  
15 2026, is amended to read as follows:

16 a. Bonds issued on or after July 1, 2019, shall not be sold  
17 at public sale as provided in chapter 75, or at a private sale,  
18 without notice and hearing. Notice of the time and place of the  
19 public hearing shall be published not less than ten nor more than  
20 twenty days before the public hearing ~~in a newspaper which is a~~  
21 ~~newspaper of general circulation~~ as provided in chapter 618 in  
22 the school district.

23 Sec. 95. Section 441.49, subsection 2, paragraph a,  
24 unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

25 On or before October 8 the county auditor shall cause to  
26 be published ~~in official newspapers of general circulation~~ as  
27 provided in chapter 618 the final equalization order. The county  
28 auditor shall also notify each property owner or taxpayer whose  
29 valuation has been increased by the final equalization order by  
30 mail postmarked on or before October 8. The publication and  
31 the individual notice mailed to each property owner or taxpayer  
32 whose valuation has been increased shall include, in type larger  
33 than the remainder of the publication or notice, the following  
34 statements:

35 **Assessed values are equalized by the department of revenue**

1 every two years. Local taxing authorities determine the final  
2 tax levies and may reduce property tax rates to compensate for  
3 any increase in valuation due to equalization. If you are not  
4 satisfied that your assessment as adjusted by the equalization  
5 order is correct, you may file a protest against such assessment  
6 with the board of review on or after October 9, to and including  
7 October 31.

8 Sec. 96. Section 446.9, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended  
9 to read as follows:

10 2. Publication of the date, time, and place of the annual tax  
11 sale shall be made once by the treasurer ~~in at least one official~~  
12 ~~newspaper in the county as selected by the board of supervisors~~  
13 ~~and designated by the treasurer as provided in chapter 618~~ at  
14 least one week, but not more than three weeks, before the day of  
15 sale. The publication shall contain a description of the parcel  
16 to be sold that is clear, concise, and sufficient to distinguish  
17 the parcel to be sold from all other parcels. All items offered  
18 for sale pursuant to section 446.18 may be indicated by an "s"  
19 or by an asterisk. The publication shall also contain the name  
20 of the person in whose name the parcel to be sold is taxed  
21 and the amount delinquent for which the parcel is liable each  
22 year, the amount of the interest and fees, and the amount of the  
23 service fee as provided in section 446.10, subsection 2, all to  
24 be incorporated as a single sum. The publication shall contain  
25 a statement that, after the sale, if the parcel is not redeemed  
26 within the period provided in chapter 447, the right to redeem  
27 expires and a deed may be issued.

28 Sec. 97. Section 447.10, Code 2026, is amended to read as  
29 follows:

30 **447.10 Service by publication — fees.**

31 If notice in accordance with section 447.9 cannot be served  
32 upon a person entitled to notice in the manner prescribed in that  
33 section, then the holder of the certificate of purchase shall  
34 cause the required notice to be published once ~~in an official~~  
35 ~~newspaper~~ as provided in chapter 618 in the county. If service

1 is made by publication, the affidavit required by section 447.12  
2 shall state the reason why service in accordance with section  
3 447.9 could not be made. Service of notice by publication shall  
4 be deemed complete on the day of the publication. Fees for  
5 publication, if required under section 447.13, shall not exceed  
6 the customary publication fees for official county publications.

7 Sec. 98. Section 455B.305A, subsection 1, paragraph b, Code  
8 2026, is amended to read as follows:

9 b. Prior to the siting of a proposed new sanitary landfill  
10 or incinerator by a private agency disposing of waste which  
11 the agency generates on property owned by the agency which is  
12 located outside of the city limits and for which no county  
13 zoning ordinance exists, the private agency shall cause written  
14 notice of the proposal, including the nature of the proposed  
15 facility, and the right of the owner to submit a petition for  
16 formal siting of the proposed site, to be served either in  
17 person or by mail on the owners and residents of all property  
18 within two miles in each direction of the proposed local site  
19 area. The owners shall be identified based upon the authentic  
20 tax records of the county in which the proposed site is to  
21 be located. The private agency shall notify the county board  
22 of supervisors which governs the county in which the site is  
23 to be located of the proposed siting, and certify that notices  
24 have been mailed to owners and residents of the impacted area.  
25 Written notice shall be published ~~in the official newspaper, as~~  
26 ~~selected by the county board of supervisors pursuant to section~~  
27 ~~349.1, of the county in which the site is located~~ as provided  
28 in chapter 618. The notice shall state the name and address of  
29 the applicant, the location of the proposed site, the nature and  
30 size of the development, the nature of the activity proposed,  
31 the probable life of the proposed activity, and a description of  
32 the right of persons to comment on the request. If two hundred  
33 fifty or a minimum of twenty percent, whichever is less, of the  
34 owners and residents of property notified submit a petition for  
35 formal review to the county board of supervisors or if the county

1 board of supervisors, on the board's own motion, requires formal  
2 review of the proposed siting, the private agency proposal is  
3 subject to the formal siting procedures established pursuant to  
4 this section.

5 Sec. 99. Section 455B.305A, subsection 3, paragraph b, Code  
6 2026, is amended to read as follows:

7 b. Written notice shall be published ~~in the official~~  
8 ~~newspaper of the county in which the site is located as provided~~  
9 in chapter 618. The notice shall state the name and address of  
10 the applicant, the location of the proposed site, the nature and  
11 size of the development, the nature of the activity proposed, the  
12 probable life of the proposed activity, the date when the request  
13 for site approval will be submitted, and a description of the  
14 right of persons to comment on the request.

15 Sec. 100. Section 455B.305A, subsection 5, Code 2026, is  
16 amended to read as follows:

17 5. At least one public hearing shall be held by the city  
18 council or county board of supervisors no sooner than ninety days  
19 but no later than one hundred twenty days from receipt of the  
20 request for siting approval. A hearing shall be preceded by  
21 published notice ~~in an official newspaper of the county of the~~  
22 ~~proposed site, including in any official newspaper located in the~~  
23 city of the proposed site as provided in chapter 618.

24 Sec. 101. Section 459.304, subsection 2, paragraph a,  
25 subparagraph (1), Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

26 (1) The board shall publish a notice that the board has  
27 received the application ~~in a newspaper having a general~~  
28 circulation in the county as provided in chapter 618.

29 Sec. 102. Section 465C.11, subsection 3, Code 2026, is  
30 amended to read as follows:

31 3. Before the department shall make a finding of imperative  
32 and unavoidable public necessity, or shall enter into any  
33 amendment to articles of dedication, the department shall provide  
34 notice of such proposal and opportunity for any person to be  
35 heard. Such notice shall be published at least once ~~in a~~

1 ~~newspaper with a general circulation in the county or counties~~  
2 ~~wherein the area directly affected is situated as provided in~~  
3 ~~chapter 618~~, and mailed within ten days of such published notice  
4 to all persons who have requested notice of all such proposed  
5 actions. Each notice shall set forth the substance of the  
6 proposed action and describe, with or without legal description,  
7 the area affected, and shall set forth a place and time not less  
8 than sixty days thence for all persons desiring to be heard to  
9 have reasonable opportunity to be heard prior to the finding of  
10 the department.

11 Sec. 103. Section 468.34, Code 2026, is amended to read as  
12 follows:

13 **468.34 Advertisement for bids.**

14 The board shall publish notice once each week for two  
15 consecutive weeks ~~in a newspaper published as provided in chapter~~  
16 ~~618~~ in the county where the improvement is located, and publish  
17 additional advertisement and publication elsewhere as the board  
18 may direct. The notice shall state the time and place of letting  
19 the work of construction of the improvement, specifying the  
20 approximate amount of work to be done in each numbered section  
21 of the district, the time fixed for the commencement, and the  
22 time of the completion of the work, that bids will be received on  
23 the entire work and in sections or divisions of it, and that a  
24 bidder will be required to deposit a bid security with the county  
25 auditor as provided in section 468.35. All notices shall set the  
26 date that bids will be received and upon which the work will be  
27 let. However, when the estimated cost of the improvement is less  
28 than the adjusted competitive bid threshold, the board may let  
29 the contract for the construction without taking bids and without  
30 publishing notice.

31 Sec. 104. Section 468.82, Code 2026, is amended to read as  
32 follows:

33 **468.82 Payment.**

34 The board, at the time of making the levy, shall fix a time  
35 within which all assessments in excess of one hundred dollars may

1 be paid, and before any bonds are issued, publish notice ~~in an~~  
2 ~~official newspaper~~ as provided in chapter 618 in the county where  
3 the district is located, of such time. After the expiration of  
4 such time, no assessments may be paid except in the manner and  
5 at the times fixed by the board in the resolution authorizing the  
6 issue of the bonds.

7 Sec. 105. Section 468.257, subsection 3, Code 2026, is  
8 amended to read as follows:

9 3. Except as otherwise required by section 468.16, the notice  
10 required by this section shall be served by publication once ~~in~~  
11 ~~a newspaper of general circulation~~ as provided in chapter 618 in  
12 each county in which the overlying district's land is situated.  
13 The publication shall be made not less than twenty days prior to  
14 the day set for the hearing. Proof of service shall be made by  
15 affidavit of the publisher.

16 Sec. 106. Section 468.507, Code 2026, is amended to read as  
17 follows:

18 **468.507 Notice of election.**

19 The board, or, if in more than one county, the boards acting  
20 jointly, shall cause notice of said election to be given, setting  
21 forth the time and place of holding the same and the hours when  
22 the polls will open and close. Such notice shall be published  
23 for two consecutive weeks ~~in a newspaper in which the official~~  
24 ~~proceedings of the board are published~~ as provided in chapter  
25 618 in the county, or if the district extends into more than one  
26 county, then ~~in such newspaper of~~ as provided in chapter 618 in  
27 each county. The last of such publications shall not be less  
28 than ten days before the date of said election.

29 Sec. 107. Section 533.320, subsection 4, paragraph b, Code  
30 2026, is amended to read as follows:

31 b. The sale shall be held at the time and place specified  
32 in a notice published prior to the sale once each week for two  
33 successive weeks ~~in a newspaper of general circulation published~~  
34 ~~in the city or unincorporated area in which the state credit~~  
35 ~~union has its principal place of business, or if there is none, a~~

~~1 newspaper of general circulation published in the county, or in a  
2 county adjoining the county, in which the state credit union has  
3 its principal place of business as provided in chapter 618.~~

4 Sec. 108. Section 556.12, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code  
5 2026, is amended to read as follows:

6 a. Provide for the publication annually of at least one  
7 notice not later than the following November 30. Each notice  
8 may be published at least once each week for two successive weeks  
9 ~~in an English language newspaper of general circulation in the  
10 county in this state in which is located the last known address  
11 of any person to be named in the notice as provided in chapter  
12 618. If an address is not listed or if the address is outside  
13 this state, the notice may be published in the county in which  
14 the holder of the abandoned property has its principal place of  
15 business within this state.~~

16 Sec. 109. Section 618.3, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended  
17 to read as follows:

18 2. If no newspaper meeting the requirements of subsection 1,  
19 paragraphs "a" through "d", is published in the jurisdiction of  
20 a governmental entity, the governmental entity may satisfy public  
21 notice requirements through publication on the statewide public  
22 notice internet site established pursuant to section 618.3A,  
23 if such an internet site exists, and in either a newspaper  
24 meeting the requirements of subsection 1, paragraphs "a" and  
25 "c", and on the statewide public notice internet site established  
26 pursuant to section 618.3A, if such an internet site exists or  
27 on the internet site of a radio station that broadcasts in the  
28 jurisdiction of the governmental entity.

29 Sec. 110. Section 618.11, Code 2026, is amended by adding the  
30 following new subsection:

31 NEW SUBSECTION. 1A. The operator of a radio station with  
32 an internet site selected for publication pursuant to section  
33 618.3, subsection 2, shall charge a rate of not less than ten  
34 dollars nor more than twenty-five dollars for posting an official  
35 publication.

1 Sec. 111. Section 618.11, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended  
2 to read as follows:

3 2. A newspaper or internet site of a radio station shall not  
4 charge a fee to a government body, as defined in section 22.1,  
5 for proof of publication of a public notice.

6 EXPLANATION

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

9 This bill relates to the publication of official public  
10 notices. If no newspaper meeting the requirements set forth  
11 in Code section 618.3 (requirements for newspaper for official  
12 publication) exists, the bill allows a governmental entity to  
13 satisfy public notice requirements through publication of a  
14 public notice on both the internet site of a radio station that  
15 broadcasts in the jurisdiction of the governmental entity and on  
16 the statewide public notice internet site, if such an internet  
17 site exists. The bill requires the operator of a radio station  
18 internet site to charge a rate of not more than \$25 nor less  
19 than \$10 for posting an official publication. The bill makes  
20 conforming changes regarding the publication of official public  
21 notices in newspapers.