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BY COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 3175)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to local government, including the approval
2 of action by ordinance and posting of public notices, and
3 including applicability provisions.

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

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DIVISION I

PROHIBITION ON ACTION WITHOUT APPROVAL BY ORDINANCE

Section 1. Section 331.301, Code 2026, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 30. a. A county department, office, or other subunit shall not adopt, implement, or enforce an internal policy or rule unless the following conditions are met:

(1) The policy or rule has been submitted to the board of supervisors for approval.

(2) The policy or rule has been approved by ordinance adopted by the board of supervisors.

b. Any ordinance approved by a county under this subsection shall be accompanied by a cost analysis that presents the cost to taxpayers and businesses and any other economic impacts of the ordinance and shall be made accessible to the public on the official internet site of the county.

Sec. 2. Section 364.3, Code 2026, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 24. a. A city department, office, or other subunit shall not adopt, implement, or enforce an internal policy or rule unless the following conditions are met:

(1) The policy or rule has been submitted to the council for approval.

(2) The policy or rule has been approved by ordinance adopted by the council.

b. Any ordinance approved by a city under this subsection shall be accompanied by a cost analysis that presents the cost to taxpayers and businesses and any other economic impacts of the ordinance and shall be made accessible to the public on the official internet site of the city. If the city does not have an official internet site, the information shall be published on the internet site of the county in which the city is located. If the city is located in more than one county, the information shall be published on the internet site of the county in which the largest population of the city resides.

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

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

11 ~~(3) If the political subdivision is a school district, notice~~
12 ~~of the public hearing shall be published not less than ten~~
13 ~~nor more than twenty days prior to the hearing in a newspaper~~
14 ~~published in the school district, if any, and if not, then in a~~
15 ~~newspaper of general circulation in the school district.~~

16 ~~(4) Failure of a newspaper to publish a required notice under~~
17 ~~this paragraph shall not be considered a failure of a political~~
18 ~~subdivision to provide required notice under this paragraph if~~
19 ~~all of the following conditions are met:~~

20 ~~(a) Notice of the public hearing was provided to each~~
21 ~~property owner and each taxpayer within the political subdivision~~
22 ~~in statements required under subsection 2, paragraph "b".~~

23 ~~(b) The political subdivision can demonstrate to the county~~
24 ~~auditor that the political subdivision provided sufficient time~~
25 ~~for the newspaper to publish the notice.~~

26 ~~e. b. (1) Notice of the hearing shall also be posted~~
27 ~~and clearly identified on the political subdivision's official~~
28 ~~internet site for public viewing beginning on the date of the~~
29 ~~newspaper publication, as provided in chapter 618, and shall~~
30 ~~be maintained on the political subdivision's official internet~~
31 ~~site with all such prior year notices. Additionally, if the~~
32 ~~political subdivision maintains a social media account on one or~~
33 ~~more social media applications, the public hearing notice or an~~
34 ~~electronic link to the public hearing notice shall be posted on~~
35 ~~each such account on a date no later than the date of publication~~

1 of the notice.

2 (2) (a) If the political subdivision is a county, notice of
3 the public hearing shall be published not less than ten nor more
4 than twenty days prior to the hearing.

5 (b) If the political subdivision is a city, notice of the
6 public hearing shall be published not less than four nor more
7 than twenty days prior to the hearing.

8 (c) If the political subdivision is a school district, notice
9 of the public hearing shall be published not less than ten nor
10 more than twenty days prior to the hearing.

11 Sec. 6. Section 24.9, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code 2026,
12 is amended to read as follows:

13 a. Each municipality shall file with the secretary or clerk
14 thereof the estimates required to be made in sections 24.3
15 through 24.8, at least twenty days before the date fixed by law
16 for certifying the same to the levying board and shall forthwith
17 fix a date for a hearing on the estimates, and shall publish such
18 estimates and any annual levies previously authorized as provided
19 in section 76.2, with a notice of the time when and the place
20 where such hearing shall be held not less than ten nor more than
21 twenty days before the hearing. ~~Provided that in municipalities~~
22 ~~of less than two hundred population such estimates and the~~
23 ~~notice of hearing shall be posted in three public places in the~~
24 ~~district in lieu of publication. For any other municipality~~
25 ~~such Such publication shall be in a newspaper published in the~~
26 ~~municipality, if any, if not, then in a newspaper of general~~
27 ~~circulation in the municipality as provided in chapter 618.~~

28 Sec. 7. Section 26A.3, subsection 3, paragraph b, Code 2026,
29 is amended to read as follows:

30 b. The request for statements of qualifications shall be
31 posted not less than thirteen and not more than forty-five
32 days before the date for response in a relevant contractor
33 plan room service with statewide circulation, in a relevant
34 construction lead generating service with statewide circulation,
35 and ~~on an internet site sponsored by either a governmental entity~~

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

14 Sec. 8. Section 28A.5, subsection 1, unnumbered paragraph 1,
15 Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

16 Upon petition of eligible electors of a metropolitan area
17 equal in number to at least ten percent of the persons who voted
18 in the last general election held in the metropolitan area for
19 the office of president of the United States or governor, the
20 governing body of the county shall adopt a resolution signifying
21 its intention to initiate the question of participating in
22 the creation of an authority and shall publish the resolution
23 at least once ~~in a newspaper of general circulation in the~~
24 metropolitan area as provided in chapter 618 giving notice of a
25 hearing to be held on the question of the metropolitan area's
26 entry into the authority. The resolution shall be published
27 at least fourteen days prior to the date of hearing, and shall
28 contain all of the following information:

29 Sec. 9. Section 28A.16, subsection 3, Code 2026, is amended
30 to read as follows:

31 3. The board shall set a time and place for a public hearing
32 on the budget before the final certification date and shall
33 publish notice of the hearing not less than ten nor more than
34 twenty days prior to the hearing ~~in one or more newspapers~~
35 serving the greater metropolitan area as provided in chapter 618.

1 Proof of publication shall be filed with and preserved by the
2 treasurer.

3 Sec. 10. Section 28A.21, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended
4 to read as follows:

5 2. A proposed action of the board, and a proposed agreement
6 to acquire, shall be approved by the governing body of the owner
7 of the facilities. If the governing body of a county, city,
8 commission, or authority desires to sell, lease, lend, grant, or
9 convey to the authority a facility or any part of a facility, the
10 governing body shall adopt a resolution signifying its intention
11 to do so and shall publish the resolution at least one time
12 ~~in a newspaper of general circulation in the county and in a~~
13 ~~newspaper or newspapers, if necessary, of general circulation in~~
14 ~~the area served by the county, city, commission, or authority as~~
15 provided in chapter 618 giving notice of a hearing to be held
16 on the question of the sale, lease, loan, grant, or conveyance.
17 The resolution shall be published at least fourteen days prior
18 to the date of hearing. After the hearing and if in the
19 public interest, the county, city, commission, or authority shall
20 enact an ordinance authorizing the sale, lease, loan, grant, or
21 conveyance.

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

24 (1) If a contract is to be negotiated and awarded without
25 competitive bidding for the reason set forth in paragraph "c",
26 subparagraph (2), the port authority shall publish a notice
27 calling for technical proposals at least twice, with at least
28 seven days between publications, ~~in a newspaper of general~~
29 ~~circulation in the area of the port authority as provided in~~
30 chapter 618. After receipt of the technical proposals, the
31 port authority may negotiate with and award a contract for the
32 improvement to the person making the proposal considered to be
33 the most advantageous to the port authority.

34 Sec. 12. Section 37.4, Code 2026, is amended to read as
35 follows:

1 **37.4 Notice.**

2 Notice of the election shall be given by publication in one
3 ~~newspaper published or having general circulation in the city as~~
4 ~~provided in section 362.3~~ as provided in chapter 618. The notice
5 shall state the purpose of the memorial proposed as outlined in
6 section 37.18.

7 Sec. 13. Section 49.11, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended
8 to read as follows:

9 2. The board of supervisors or city council shall publish
10 notice of changes in the county or city precinct boundaries ~~in a~~
11 ~~newspaper of general circulation published in the county or city~~
12 as provided in chapter 618 once each week for three consecutive
13 weeks. The series of publications shall be made after the
14 changes in the precincts have been approved by the state
15 commissioner of elections. The last of the three publications
16 shall be made no later than thirty days before the next general
17 election. A map showing the new boundaries may be used. No
18 publication is necessary if no changes were made.

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

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

1 notified of the time and place of the hearing. Notice shall be
2 sent by certified mail and must be postmarked at least fourteen
3 days before the hearing. No later than seven days after the
4 public hearing, the appointing entity or officer shall publish
5 its decision. If the appointing entity or officer decides that
6 the office is vacant, the publication shall state the date the
7 vacancy occurred and what action will be taken to fill the
8 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~~ that 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~~ that the department or agency
16 does 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
22 of the owner cannot be determined, notice by one publication
23 in a newspaper of general circulation in the area where the
24 property was found or, if applicable, as provided in chapter 618
25 is sufficient notice. A published notice may contain multiple
26 items.

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

30 (1) Rules of a city board shall become effective upon
31 approval by the city council and publication ~~in a newspaper~~
32 ~~having general circulation in the city~~ as provided in chapter
33 618.

34 (2) Rules of a county board shall become effective upon
35 approval by the county board of supervisors by a motion or

1 resolution as defined in section 331.101, subsection 13, and
2 publication in a newspaper having general circulation in the
3 county as provided in chapter 618.

4 (3) Rules of a district board shall become effective upon
5 approval by the district board and publication ~~in a newspaper~~
6 ~~having general circulation in the district~~ as provided in chapter
7 618.

8 (4) Before approving any rule or regulation the local board
9 of health shall hold a public hearing on the proposed rule. Any
10 citizen may appear and be heard at the public hearing. A notice
11 of the public hearing, stating the time and place and the general
12 nature of the proposed rule or regulation shall be published in
13 ~~a newspaper having general circulation~~ as provided in section
14 ~~331.305 in the area served by the local board of health~~ chapter
15 618.

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

18 **145A.5 Order of approval.**

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

1 period following the date of the last published notice.

2 Sec. 21. Section 161A.16, Code 2026, is amended to read as
3 follows:

4 **161A.16 Publication of notice.**

5 The notice of hearing on the formation of a subdistrict shall
6 be by publication once each week for two consecutive weeks in
7 ~~some newspaper of general circulation published in the county or~~
8 ~~district~~ as provided in chapter 618, the last of which shall be
9 not less than ten days prior to the day set for the hearing on
10 the petition. Proof of such service shall be made by affidavit
11 of the publisher, and be on file with the secretary of the
12 district at the time the hearing begins.

13 Sec. 22. Section 161A.45, Code 2026, is amended to read as
14 follows:

15 **161A.45 Submission of regulations to division — hearing.**

16 Regulations ~~which~~ that the commissioners propose to adopt,
17 amend, or repeal shall be submitted to the division, in a form
18 prescribed by the division, for its approval. The division
19 may approve the regulations as submitted, or with amendments as
20 it deems necessary. The commissioners shall, after approval,
21 publish notice of hearing on the proposed regulations, as
22 approved, ~~in a newspaper of general circulation in the district~~
23 as provided in chapter 618, setting a date and time not less
24 than ten nor more than thirty days after the publication when a
25 hearing on the proposed regulations will be held at a specified
26 place. The notice shall include the full text of the proposed
27 regulations or shall state that the proposed regulations are on
28 file and available for review at the office of the affected soil
29 and water conservation district.

30 Sec. 23. Section 174.17, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code
31 2026, is amended to read as follows:

32 a. A fair may institute proceedings for the issuance of bonds
33 by causing a notice of the proposal to issue the bonds to be
34 published at least once ~~in a newspaper of general circulation~~
35 ~~within the county~~ as provided in chapter 618 at least ten days

1 prior to the meeting at which the fair proposes to take action
2 for the issuance of the bonds. The notice shall include a
3 statement of the amount and purpose of the bonds, the maximum
4 rate of interest the bonds are to bear, and the right to petition
5 for an election.

6 Sec. 24. Section 257.18, subsection 1, Code 2026, is amended
7 to read as follows:

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

32 Sec. 25. Section 257.31, subsection 5, paragraph o,
33 subparagraph (2), Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

34 (2) Prior to filing a request for supplemental aid or a
35 modified supplemental amount based on the grounds specified in

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

8 Sec. 26. Section 257B.5, Code 2026, is amended to read as
9 follows:

10 **257B.5 Notice — sale.**

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

32 Sec. 27. Section 260C.14, subsection 12, Code 2026, is
33 amended to read as follows:

34 12. During the second week of August of each year, publish by
35 ~~one insertion in at least one newspaper published in the merged~~

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

9 Sec. 28. Section 273.8, subsection 2, paragraph a, Code 2026,
10 is amended to read as follows:

11 a. Notice of the election shall be published by the area
12 education agency administrator not later than September 15 of
13 the odd-numbered year ~~in at least one newspaper of general~~
14 ~~circulation in the director district~~ as provided in chapter 618.
15 The cost of publication shall be paid by the area education
16 agency.

17 Sec. 29. Section 273.8, subsection 3, Code 2026, is amended
18 to read as follows:

19 3. *Director district convention.* If no candidate files with
20 the area education agency secretary by the deadline specified in
21 subsection 2, or a vacancy occurs, or if otherwise required as
22 provided in section 273.23, subsection 3, a director district
23 convention, attended by members of the boards of directors
24 of the local school districts located within the director
25 district, shall be called to elect a board member described in
26 subsection 1, paragraph "b", for that director district. The
27 convention location shall be determined by the area education
28 agency administrator. Notice of the time, date, and place
29 of a director district convention shall be published by the
30 area education agency administrator ~~in at least one newspaper~~
31 ~~of general circulation in the director district~~ as provided
32 in chapter 618 at least thirty days prior to the day of the
33 convention. The cost of publication shall be paid by the area
34 education agency. A candidate for election to the area education
35 agency board shall file a statement of candidacy with the area

1 education agency secretary at least ten days prior to the date
2 of the director district convention on forms prescribed by the
3 department of education, or nominations may be made at the
4 convention by a delegate from a board of directors of a school
5 district located within the director district. A statement of
6 candidacy shall include the candidate's name, address, and school
7 district. Delegates to director district conventions shall not
8 be bound by a school board or any school board member to pledge
9 their votes to any candidate prior to the date of the convention.

10 Sec. 30. Section 273.27, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code
11 2026, is amended to read as follows:

12 a. Within ten days following the filing of the dissolution
13 proposal with the affected area education agency board, the
14 affected board shall fix a date for a hearing on the proposal,
15 which shall not be more than sixty days after the dissolution
16 petition was filed with the affected board. The affected board
17 shall publish notice of the date, time, and location of the
18 hearing at least ten days prior to the date of the hearing by one
19 ~~publication in a newspaper in general circulation in the area as~~
20 provided in chapter 618. The notice shall include the contents
21 of the dissolution proposal.

22 Sec. 31. Section 275.14, subsection 1, Code 2026, is amended
23 to read as follows:

24 1. Within ten days after the petition is filed, the area
25 education agency administrator shall fix a final date for filing
26 objections to the petition, which shall be not more than sixty
27 days after the petition is filed, and shall fix the date for a
28 hearing on the objections to the petition. Objections shall be
29 filed in the office of the administrator, who shall give notice
30 at least ten days prior to the final day for filing objections,
31 ~~by one publication in a newspaper published within the territory~~
32 ~~described in the petition, or if none is published in the~~
33 ~~territory, in a newspaper published in the county where the~~
34 ~~petition is filed, and of general circulation in the territory~~
35 ~~described~~ as provided in chapter 618. The notice shall also

1 list the date, time, and location for the hearing on the petition
2 as provided in section 275.15. The cost of publication shall
3 be assessed to each district whose territory is involved in
4 the ratio that the number of pupils in basic enrollment for
5 the budget year, as defined in section 257.6 in each district
6 bears to the total number of pupils in basic enrollment for the
7 budget year in the total area involved. Objections shall be
8 in writing in the form of an affidavit and may be made by any
9 person residing or owning land within the territory described in
10 the petition, or who would be injuriously affected by the change
11 petitioned for and shall be on file not later than 12:00 noon of
12 the final day fixed for filing objections.

13 Sec. 32. Section 275.15, subsection 4, Code 2026, is amended
14 to read as follows:

15 4. The administrator shall at once publish the decision ~~in~~
16 ~~the same newspaper~~ as provided in chapter 618 in the same
17 manner in which the original notice was published. Within
18 twenty days after the publication, the decision rendered by the
19 area education agency board may be appealed to the district
20 court in the county involved by any school district affected.
21 For purposes of appeal, only those school districts who filed
22 reorganization petitions are school districts affected. An
23 appeal from a decision of an area education agency board or joint
24 area education agency boards under section 275.4, 275.16, or this
25 section is subject to appeal procedures under this chapter and is
26 not subject to appeal under chapter 290.

27 Sec. 33. Section 275.16, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended
28 to read as follows:

29 2. Votes of each member of an area education agency board
30 in attendance shall be weighted so that the total number of
31 votes eligible to be cast by members of each board in attendance
32 shall be equal. However, if the joint boards cast a tie vote
33 and are unable to agree to a decision fixing the boundaries
34 for the proposed school corporation or to a decision to dismiss
35 the petition, the time during which actions must be taken under

1 section 275.15 shall be extended from ten days to fifteen days
2 after the conclusion of the hearing under section 275.15, and
3 the joint board shall reconvene not less than ten and not more
4 than fifteen days after the conclusion of the hearing. At the
5 hearing the joint board shall reconsider its action and if a tie
6 vote is again cast it is a decision granting the petition and
7 changing the plans of any and all of the agency boards affected
8 by the petition and fixing the boundaries for the proposed school
9 corporation. The agency administrator shall at once publish the
10 decision ~~in the same newspaper~~ as provided in chapter 618 in the
11 same manner in which the original notice was published.

12 Sec. 34. Section 275.18, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended
13 to read as follows:

14 2. The county commissioner of elections shall give notice of
15 the election by one publication ~~in the same newspaper~~ as provided
16 in chapter 618 in the same manner in which previous notices
17 have been published regarding the proposed school reorganization,
18 and in addition, if more than one county is involved, by one
19 publication ~~in a legal newspaper~~ as provided in chapter 618
20 in each county other than that of the first publication. The
21 publication shall be not less than four nor more than twenty days
22 prior to the election. If the decision published pursuant to
23 section 275.15 or 275.16 includes a description of the proposed
24 school corporation and a description of the director districts,
25 if any, the notice for election and the ballot do not need to
26 include these descriptions. Notice for an election shall not be
27 published until the expiration of time for appeal, which shall be
28 the same as that provided in section 275.15 or 275.16, whichever
29 is applicable; and if there is an appeal, not until the appeal
30 has been disposed of.

31 Sec. 35. Section 275.54, subsection 1, Code 2026, is amended
32 to read as follows:

33 1. Within ten days following the filing of the dissolution
34 proposal with the board, the board shall fix a date for a hearing
35 on the proposal, which shall not be more than sixty days after

1 the dissolution petition was filed with the board. The board
2 shall publish notice of the date, time, and location of the
3 hearing at least ten days prior to the date of the hearing by one
4 publication ~~in a newspaper in general circulation in the district~~
5 as provided in chapter 618. The notice shall include the content
6 of the dissolution proposal. A person residing or owning land
7 in the school district may present evidence and arguments at
8 the hearing. The president of the board shall preside at the
9 hearing. The board shall review testimony from the hearing and
10 shall adopt or amend and adopt the dissolution proposal.

11 Sec. 36. Section 275.55, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended
12 to read as follows:

13 2. The board shall give written notice of the election to
14 the county commissioner of elections. The county commissioner of
15 elections shall give notice of the election by one publication ~~in~~
16 ~~the same newspaper~~ as provided in chapter 618 in the same manner
17 in which the previous notice was published about the hearing,
18 which publication shall not be less than four nor more than
19 twenty days prior to the election.

20 Sec. 37. Section 279.36, Code 2026, is amended to read as
21 follows:

22 **279.36 Publication procedures and fee.**

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

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

30 Sec. 38. Section 303.44, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2026,
31 is amended to read as follows:

32 The board of supervisors to whom the petition is addressed,
33 at its next regular, special, or adjourned meeting, shall set
34 the time and place when it will meet for a hearing upon the
35 petition, and direct the county auditor in whose office the

1 petition is filed to cause notice to be given to all persons whom
2 it may concern, without naming them, of the pendency and prayer
3 of the petition, by publication of a notice once each week for
4 two consecutive weeks ~~in some newspaper of general circulation~~
5 published as provided in chapter 618 in the proposed district.
6 The last publication shall not be less than twenty days prior
7 to the date set for the hearing of the petition. ~~If no such~~
8 ~~newspaper is published in the proposed district, then notice~~
9 ~~shall be by posting at least five copies of the notice in the~~
10 ~~proposed district at least twenty days before the hearing.~~ Proof
11 of giving notice shall be made by affidavit of the publisher or
12 affidavit of the person who posted the notices, and the proof
13 shall be on file with the county auditor at the time the hearing
14 begins. The notice of hearing shall be directed to all persons
15 it may concern, and shall state the following:

16 Sec. 39. Section 303.46, Code 2026, is amended to read as
17 follows:

18 **303.46 Notice of election.**

19 In its order for the election the board of supervisors shall
20 direct the county auditor to cause notice of the election to
21 be given by posting at least five copies of the notice in
22 public places in the proposed district at least twenty days
23 before the date of election and by publication of the notice
24 once each week for three consecutive weeks ~~in some newspaper of~~
25 ~~general circulation published as provided in chapter 618~~ in the
26 proposed district, ~~or, if no such newspaper is published within~~
27 ~~the proposed district, then in such a newspaper published in~~
28 ~~the county in which the major part of the proposed district is~~
29 ~~located.~~ The last publication is to be at least twenty days
30 prior to the date of election. The notice shall state the
31 time and place of holding the election and the hours when the
32 polls will be open and closed, the purpose of the election,
33 with the name of the proposed district and a description of
34 its boundaries, and shall set forth briefly the limits of each
35 voting precinct and the location of the polling places. Proof of

1 posting and publication shall be made in the manner provided in
2 section 303.44 and filed with the county auditor.

3 Sec. 40. Section 303.52, subsection 3, Code 2026, is amended
4 to read as follows:

5 3. The board of trustees shall provide for the manner in
6 which the land use plan shall be established and enforced and
7 amended, supplemented, or changed. However, a plan shall not
8 become effective until after a public hearing on it, at which
9 parties in interest and citizens of the district shall have an
10 opportunity to be heard. At least fifteen days' notice of the
11 time and place of the hearing shall be published ~~in a newspaper~~
12 ~~of general circulation~~ as provided in chapter 618 within the
13 district giving the time, date, and location of the public
14 hearing.

15 Sec. 41. Section 306.12, Code 2026, is amended to read as
16 follows:

17 **306.12 Notice — service.**

18 Notice of the hearing under section 306.11 shall be published
19 in a newspaper of general circulation in the county or counties
20 where the road is located or, if applicable, as provided in
21 chapter 618, not less than four nor more than twenty days prior
22 to the date of hearing. The agency ~~which~~ that is holding the
23 hearing shall notify all adjoining property owners, all utility
24 companies whose facilities adjoin the road right-of-way or are on
25 the road right-of-way, and the department, boards of supervisors,
26 or agency in control of affected state lands, of the time and
27 place of the hearing, by certified mail.

28 Sec. 42. Section 309.96, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended
29 to read as follows:

30 2. In the event that a county secondary road budget or
31 amended budget thereto is disapproved by the department, the
32 county may elect either to revise such budget or amended budget
33 so as to receive approval or the county may elect to operate
34 with such disapproved budget or amended budget. In the event the
35 county secondary road budget is disapproved in whole or in part,

1 within twenty days after receipt of the department's report, the
2 board of supervisors shall cause to be published ~~in the official~~
3 ~~newspapers of the county~~ as provided in chapter 618, notice of a
4 public hearing to be held within ten days of said publication, on
5 the department's recommendations, and at said hearing the board
6 of supervisors shall amend or adopt their original budget.

7 Sec. 43. Section 321.89, subsection 3, paragraph g, Code
8 2026, is amended to read as follows:

9 g. If it is impossible to determine with reasonable certainty
10 the identities and addresses of the last registered owner and
11 all lienholders, notice by one publication in one newspaper of
12 general circulation in the area where the vehicle was abandoned
13 or, if applicable, as provided in chapter 618 shall be sufficient
14 to meet all requirements of notice under this section. The
15 published notice may contain multiple listings of abandoned
16 vehicles but shall be published within the same time requirements
17 and contain the same information as prescribed for mailed notice
18 in this subsection.

19 Sec. 44. Section 321.236, subsection 13, paragraph b, Code
20 2026, is amended to read as follows:

21 b. Before establishing a rural residence district, the board
22 of supervisors shall hold a public hearing on the proposal,
23 notice of which shall be published ~~in a newspaper having a~~
24 ~~general circulation~~ as provided in chapter 618 in the area where
25 the proposed district is located at least twenty days before the
26 date of hearing. The notice shall state the time and place of
27 the hearing, the proposed location of the district, and other
28 data considered pertinent by the board of supervisors.

29 Sec. 45. Section 330A.6, subsection 1, unnumbered paragraph
30 1, Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

31 Whenever the governing body of any municipality shall desire
32 to participate in the creation of an authority it shall adopt a
33 resolution signifying its intention to do so and shall publish
34 said resolution at least one time ~~in a newspaper of general~~
35 ~~circulation~~ as provided in chapter 618 in such municipality

1 giving notice of a hearing to be held on the question of the
2 municipality's entry into such authority. Such resolution shall
3 be published at least fourteen days prior to the date of hearing,
4 and shall contain therein the following information:

5 Sec. 46. Section 330A.7, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended
6 to read as follows:

7 2. A municipality wishing to withdraw from or to become a
8 member of an existing authority shall signify its intention by
9 resolution and shall publish the resolution at least one time
10 ~~in a newspaper of general circulation as provided in chapter~~
11 618 in the municipality giving notice of a hearing to be held
12 on the question of withdrawing or joining and its intention to
13 withdraw or join. The resolution shall be published at least
14 fourteen days prior to the date of the hearing. A withdrawing
15 municipality shall state in the resolution how it intends to pay
16 its portion of the outstanding obligations of the authority, if
17 any. A joining municipality shall state in the resolution the
18 information required in section 330A.6. A copy of the resolution
19 shall be certified to the authority by the municipality at least
20 fourteen days in advance of the hearing. The board shall by
21 resolution indicate whether a satisfactory provision has been
22 made for the payment of the outstanding obligations of the
23 authority, as required under subsection 1. After the hearing
24 and if the outstanding obligations of the authority have been
25 adequately provided for by the municipality, the municipality may
26 enact an ordinance to withdraw from or join the authority.

27 Sec. 47. Section 330A.11, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended
28 to read as follows:

29 2. The proposed action of an authority, and the proposed
30 agreement to acquire, shall be approved by the governing body
31 of the owner of the aviation facilities. Whenever the governing
32 body of any municipality, airport commission, or authority, shall
33 desire to sell, lease, lend, grant, or convey to the authority,
34 any aviation facilities or any part or parts thereof, as
35 aforesaid, it shall adopt a resolution signifying its intention

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

13 Sec. 48. Section 331.207, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended
14 to read as follows:

15 2. The petition shall be filed with the county commissioner
16 by June 1 of an odd-numbered year, subject to subsection 7.
17 The special election shall be held on the first Tuesday after
18 the first Monday in November of the odd-numbered year. Notice
19 of the special election shall be published once each week for
20 three successive weeks ~~in an official newspaper of the county as~~
21 provided in chapter 618, shall state the representation plans to
22 be submitted to the electors, and shall state the date of the
23 special election. The last in the series of publications shall
24 occur not less than four nor more than twenty days before the
25 election.

26 Sec. 49. Section 331.237, subsection 1, Code 2026, is amended
27 to read as follows:

28 1. If a proposed charter for county government is received
29 not less than five working days before the filing deadline for
30 candidates for county offices specified in section 44.4 for
31 the next general election, the board shall direct the county
32 commissioner of elections to submit to the registered voters of
33 the county at the next general election the question of whether
34 the proposed charter shall be adopted. A summary of the proposed
35 charter or amendment shall be published ~~in~~ as provided in chapter

1 618, on the official internet site of the county newspapers and
2 in a newspaper of general circulation in on the official internet
3 site of each participating city, if applicable, at least ten
4 but not more than twenty days before the date of the election.
5 Except as otherwise provided in sections 331.247 and 331.260, if
6 a majority of the votes cast on the question is in favor of the
7 proposal, the proposal is adopted.

8 Sec. 50. Section 331.302, subsection 8, Code 2026, is amended
9 to read as follows:

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

1 description shall include definitions of those terms.

2 Sec. 51. Section 331.305, subsection 1, Code 2026, is amended
3 to read as follows:

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

12 Sec. 52. Section 331.385, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended
13 to read as follows:

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

24 Sec. 53. Section 331.425, subsection 5, Code 2026, is amended
25 to read as follows:

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

31 Sec. 54. Section 331.434, subsections 3 and 6, Code 2026, are
32 amended to read as follows:

33 3. Following, and not until, the requirements of section
34 24.2A are completed, the board shall set a time and place for
35 a public hearing on the budget before the final certification

1 date and shall publish notice of the hearing not less than ten
2 nor more than twenty days prior to the hearing ~~in the county~~
3 ~~newspapers selected under chapter 349~~ as provided in chapter
4 618. A summary of the proposed budget and a description of
5 the procedure for protesting the county budget under section
6 331.436, in the form prescribed by the director of the department
7 of management, shall be included in the notice. Proof of
8 publication of the notice under this subsection 3 shall be
9 filed with and preserved by the county auditor. A levy is not
10 valid unless and until the notice is published and individual
11 statements under section 24.2A are mailed. The department of
12 management shall prescribe the form for the public hearing notice
13 for use by counties.

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

29 Sec. 55. Section 331.434, subsection 7, paragraph c,
30 subparagraph (1), Code 2026, is amended by striking the
31 subparagraph.

32 Sec. 56. Section 331.443, subsection 3, paragraph a, Code
33 2026, is amended to read as follows:

34 a. Notwithstanding subsection 2, a board may institute
35 proceedings for the issuance of bonds for an essential county

1 purpose specified in section 331.441, subsection 2, paragraph
2 "b", subparagraph (18) or (19), in an amount equal to or greater
3 than three million dollars by causing a notice of the proposal to
4 issue the bonds, including a statement of the amount and purpose
5 of the bonds, together with the maximum rate of interest ~~which~~
6 that the bonds are to bear, and the right to petition for an
7 election, to be published at least once in a newspaper of general
8 circulation as provided in chapter 618 within the county at least
9 ten days prior to the meeting at which it is proposed to take
10 action for the issuance of the bonds.

11 Sec. 57. Section 341A.6, subsection 6, Code 2026, is amended
12 to read as follows:

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

24 Sec. 58. Section 346.27, subsection 4, Code 2026, is amended
25 to read as follows:

26 4. The articles of incorporation shall set forth the name of
27 the authority, the name of the incorporating units, the purpose
28 for which the authority is created, the number, terms, and manner
29 of selection of its officers including its governing body which
30 shall be known as the "commission", the powers and duties of the
31 authority and of its officers, the date upon which the authority
32 becomes effective, ~~the name of the newspaper in~~ official internet
33 site of the county on which the articles of incorporation shall
34 be published, and any other matters.

35 Sec. 59. Section 346.27, subsection 6, Code 2026, is amended

1 to read as follows:

2 6. The articles of incorporation shall be recorded in the
3 office of the county recorder and filed with the secretary
4 of state, and shall be published ~~once in a newspaper~~ on the
5 county's official internet site designated in the articles of
6 incorporation ~~and having a general circulation within the county,~~
7 and upon such recording and publication, the authority shall be
8 deemed to come into existence.

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

11 b. In addition to the notice required by section 49.53, a
12 notice of the election shall be published ~~once each week~~ for
13 at least two weeks ~~in some newspaper published in the county~~
14 as provided in chapter 618 stating the date of the election,
15 the hours the polls will be open, and a copy of the question.
16 The authority shall call this election with the concurrence of
17 both incorporating units. The election shall be conducted by the
18 commissioner in accordance with the provisions of chapters 49 and
19 50.

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

22 a. The tax levy authorized by this section for operation and
23 maintenance of the hospital may be available in whole or in
24 part to any county with or without a county hospital organized
25 under this chapter, to be used to enhance rural health services
26 in the county. However, the tax levied may be expended for
27 enhancement of rural health care services only following a
28 local planning process. The department of health and human
29 services shall establish guidelines to be followed by counties
30 in implementing the local planning process, which shall require
31 legal notice, public hearings, and a referendum in accordance
32 with this subsection prior to the authorization of any new levy
33 or a change in the use of a levy. The notice shall describe
34 the new levy or the change in the use of the levy, indicate the
35 date and location of the hearing, and shall be published ~~at least~~

1 ~~once each week~~ for two consecutive weeks ~~in a newspaper having~~
2 ~~general circulation in the county~~ as provided in chapter 618. The
3 hearing shall not take place prior to two weeks after the second
4 publication.

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

7 There shall be published ~~in each of the official newspapers at~~
8 ~~the expense of the county~~ as provided in chapter 618 during the
9 ensuing year:

10 Sec. 63. Section 349.18, subsection 3, paragraph b, Code
11 2026, is amended to read as follows:

12 b. In addition to the requirements in paragraph "a", ~~if a~~
13 ~~county operates an internet site,~~ the county auditor shall post
14 the full text of all resolutions adopted by the board ~~on the~~
15 ~~internet site~~ as provided in chapter 618. Any posted summary or
16 text of a full resolution shall include links directing readers
17 to information relevant to the content of the resolution.

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

20 1. Within thirty days of receipt of a proposal to create
21 or expand an agricultural area ~~which~~ that meets the statutory
22 requirements, the county board shall provide notice of the
23 proposal ~~by publishing notice in a newspaper of general~~
24 ~~circulation in the county~~ as provided in chapter 618. Within
25 forty-five days after receipt of the proposal, the county board
26 shall hold a public hearing on the proposal.

27 Sec. 65. Section 354.25, subsection 1, Code 2026, is amended
28 to read as follows:

29 1. A survey of an official plat shall conform as nearly as
30 possible to the original lot lines shown on the official plat.
31 The surveyor may summon witnesses, administer oaths, and prepare
32 affidavits and boundary line agreements as necessary in order
33 to establish the location of property lines or lot lines. If
34 a substantial error is discovered in an official plat or if it
35 is found to be materially defective, a proprietor may petition

1 the governing body ~~which~~ that would have jurisdiction to approve
2 the plat at the time the petition is filed for a replat of
3 any part of the official plat. Notice of the proposed replat
4 shall be served, in the manner of original notice as provided
5 in Iowa rules of civil procedure, to the proprietors of record
6 and holders of easements specifically recorded within the area to
7 be replatted. The governing body has jurisdiction of the matter
8 upon proof of publication of notice of the petition ~~once each~~
9 ~~week for two weeks in a newspaper of general circulation within~~
10 ~~the area of the replat as provided in chapter 618.~~

11 Sec. 66. Section 357A.3, subsection 1, Code 2026, is amended
12 to read as follows:

13 1. ~~Be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the~~
14 ~~area to be incorporated~~ as provided in chapter 618.

15 Sec. 67. Section 357A.6, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended
16 to read as follows:

17 2. If the supervisors find that required notice of the
18 hearing has been given and that the proposed district is
19 reasonably necessary for the public health, convenience, and
20 comfort of the residents, or may be of benefit in providing fire
21 protection, they shall make an order establishing the district
22 as a political subdivision, designating the district's boundary,
23 and identifying the district by name or number. The order shall
24 ~~be published in the same newspaper which published the notice~~
25 ~~of hearing~~ as provided in chapter 618. The supervisors shall
26 prepare and preserve a complete record of the hearing on the
27 petition and their findings and action.

28 Sec. 68. Section 357A.8, subsection 1, Code 2026, is amended
29 to read as follows:

30 1. For an annual meeting of participating members by July 31
31 of each year following the year of incorporation of the district,
32 and for the mailing of written notice of the time and place of
33 each annual meeting to each participating member and publication
34 of the notice ~~in a newspaper of general circulation in the~~
35 ~~district~~ as provided in chapter 618 not less than ten nor more

1 than thirty days prior to each meeting.

2 Sec. 69. Section 357A.11, subsection 13, paragraph b, Code
3 2026, is amended to read as follows:

4 b. Prior to such sale, conveyance, merger, or disposition
5 by the board that includes the relinquishment of the district's
6 right to provide service to an area, the board shall publish
7 notice of a public hearing not less than four nor more than
8 twenty days before the date fixed for the hearing ~~in a newspaper~~
9 ~~of general circulation in the area for which the board seeks~~
10 ~~to relinquish service as provided in chapter 618.~~ The board
11 shall mail notice of a public hearing to the district's members
12 in the area for which the board seeks to relinquish service
13 not less than fourteen days prior to such public hearing. A
14 public hearing is not required when the board relinquishes the
15 district's right to service an area within the corporate limits
16 of a city if the city will provide service in compliance with the
17 city's annexation plan.

18 Sec. 70. Section 357A.12, subsection 1, Code 2026, is amended
19 to read as follows:

20 1. As soon as reasonably possible after incorporation of a
21 district, the board shall file with the supervisors and the
22 department copies of the plans and specifications for, and
23 estimates of the cost of, any improvements authorized by this
24 chapter ~~which~~ that the board proposes to construct or acquire.
25 The board shall determine a reasonable fee ~~which~~ that each
26 member shall pay for the privilege of utilizing the district's
27 facilities, and ~~which~~ that shall be known as a benefit unit.
28 Benefit units may be classified. The board, by publication ~~in~~
29 ~~a newspaper of general circulation in the district~~ as provided in
30 chapter 618, shall generally describe the planned improvements,
31 the area to be served and the fee members will be required to pay
32 for each service connected to the water system.

33 Sec. 71. Section 357A.24, subsection 4, paragraph b, Code
34 2026, is amended to read as follows:

35 b. The order shall be published ~~in~~ on the same newspaper

1 ~~which published~~ official internet site as the notice of the
2 hearing.

3 Sec. 72. Section 357B.18, Code 2026, is amended to read as
4 follows:

5 **357B.18 Detachment of land from district.**

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

25 Sec. 73. Section 357F.4, Code 2026, is amended to read as
26 follows:

27 **357F.4 Time of hearing.**

28 The public hearing required in section 357F.2 shall be held
29 within thirty days of the presentation of the petition. Notice
30 of hearing shall be given by publication ~~in two successive issues~~
31 ~~of any newspaper of general circulation within the district~~ as
32 provided in chapter 618. The ~~last~~ publication shall be not less
33 than one week before the proposed hearing.

34 Sec. 74. Section 357G.4, Code 2026, is amended to read as
35 follows:

1 **357G.4 Time of hearing.**

2 The public hearing required in section 357G.2 shall be held
3 within thirty days of the presentation of the petition. Notice
4 of hearing shall be given by publication ~~in two successive issues~~
5 ~~of any newspaper of general circulation within the district~~ as
6 provided in chapter 618. The ~~last~~ publication shall be not less
7 than one week before the proposed hearing.

8 Sec. 75. Section 357I.4, Code 2026, is amended to read as
9 follows:

10 **357I.4 Time of hearing.**

11 The public hearing required in section 357I.2 shall be held
12 within thirty days of the presentation of the petition. Notice
13 of hearing shall be given by publication ~~in two successive issues~~
14 ~~of any newspaper of general circulation within the district~~ as
15 provided in chapter 618. The ~~last~~ publication shall be not less
16 than one week before the proposed hearing.

17 Sec. 76. Section 357J.10, Code 2026, is amended to read as
18 follows:

19 **357J.10 Approval of district property tax levy.**

20 Annually, the commission shall propose the levy of a tax of
21 not more than one dollar and sixty and three-quarters cents per
22 one thousand dollars of assessed value on all taxable property
23 within the district. A proposed property tax levy rate shall
24 not be approved by the commission unless two-thirds of the
25 commission's members are present when the proposed property tax
26 levy rate is approved. The commission shall hold a public
27 hearing within thirty days of the commission's approval of a
28 proposed property tax levy rate to receive public comment.
29 Notice of the hearing shall be given by publication ~~in a~~
30 ~~newspaper of general circulation within the district~~ as provided
31 in chapter 618 and shall be posted in a public place in each
32 city within the district no less than ten days before the public
33 hearing. The notice shall include the commission's proposed
34 property tax levy rate, the reason for the tax, and the time when
35 and the place where the hearing shall be held. The commission

1 shall be considered a municipality for purposes of adopting and
2 certifying a budget pursuant to chapter 24 and shall set the
3 property tax levy rate no more than ten days following the public
4 hearing. The tax shall be set to raise only the amount needed.
5 The commission shall have exclusive tax-levying authority for the
6 district.

7 Sec. 77. Section 358.40, subsections 3 and 4, Code 2026, are
8 amended to read as follows:

9 3. The board shall examine the petition at its next meeting
10 after its filing or within twenty days of the filing, whichever
11 date is earlier. Within ten days of the meeting, the board
12 shall publish notice of the petition and the date, time, and
13 place of the meeting at which time the board proposes to take
14 action on the petition. The notice shall be published ~~in a~~
15 ~~newspaper of general circulation published in the district and,~~
16 ~~if no newspaper is published within the district, in a newspaper~~
17 ~~published in the county in which the major part of the district~~
18 ~~is located~~ as provided in chapter 618. At the board's meeting,
19 or subsequent meetings as necessary, if the petition is found to
20 comply with the requirements of this section and the board of
21 trustees consents by majority vote, the board of supervisors may
22 provide for payment as requested or modify the method of payment
23 of costs and expenses.

24 4. If the board decides that dissolution is warranted for
25 the best interest of the public, it shall publish a notice ~~in~~
26 ~~a newspaper of general circulation published in the district or,~~
27 ~~if no newspaper is published in the district, in a newspaper~~
28 ~~published in the county in which the major part of the district~~
29 ~~is located~~ as provided in chapter 618 and give notice by mail
30 to all known claimants or creditors of the district that it
31 will receive and adjudicate claims against the district for four
32 months from the date the notice is published and shall levy an
33 annual tax as necessary against all property in the district for
34 the number of years required to pay all claims allowed. However,
35 the annual tax levied under this subsection shall not exceed

1 four dollars per thousand dollars of assessed valuation of the
2 taxable property within the district at the time of dissolution.
3 The levy shall be made in the same manner as provided in
4 section 76.2. After the board makes a specific finding that
5 all indebtedness, costs, and expenses have been paid or levies
6 approved for their payment, the board shall dissolve the district
7 by resolution entered upon its records. The dissolution order
8 shall be noted by the auditor on the county records, showing the
9 date when the dissolution became effective.

10 Sec. 78. Section 359.52, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code
11 2026, is amended to read as follows:

12 a. The board of trustees shall set forth its proposal in a
13 resolution and shall publish notice of the resolution and of a
14 date, time, and place of a public hearing on the proposal. The
15 notice shall be published ~~in a newspaper published at least once~~
16 ~~weekly and having general circulation in the township or in the~~
17 ~~largest city in the township~~ as provided in chapter 618. The
18 notice shall be published no less than ten days and no more than
19 twenty days before the hearing.

20 Sec. 79. Section 362.3, subsection 1, paragraph b, Code 2026,
21 is amended to read as follows:

22 b. A publication required by the city code must be ~~in a~~
23 ~~newspaper published at least once weekly and having general~~
24 ~~circulation in the city~~ as provided in chapter 618. However,
25 if the city has a population of two hundred or less, ~~or in the~~
26 ~~case of ordinances and amendments to be published in a city in~~
27 ~~which no newspaper is published,~~ a publication may be made by
28 posting in three public places in the city ~~which~~ that have been
29 permanently designated by ordinance.

30 Sec. 80. Section 362.3, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended
31 by striking the subsection.

32 Sec. 81. Section 364.2, subsection 4, paragraph c, Code 2026,
33 is amended to read as follows:

34 c. Notice of the election shall be given by publication as
35 prescribed in section 49.53 ~~in a newspaper of general circulation~~

1 ~~in the city and chapter 618.~~

2 Sec. 82. Section 364.4, subsection 4, paragraph e,
3 subparagraph (2), subparagraph division (a), Code 2026, is
4 amended to read as follows:

5 (a) The governing body must institute proceedings to enter
6 into a lease or lease-purchase contract payable from the general
7 fund by causing a notice of the meeting to discuss entering into
8 the lease or lease-purchase contract, including a statement of
9 the principal amount and purpose of the lease or lease-purchase
10 contract and the right to petition for an election, to be
11 ~~published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation~~
12 within the city as provided in chapter 618 at least ten days
13 prior to the discussion meeting. No sooner than thirty days
14 following the discussion meeting shall the governing body hold a
15 meeting at which it is proposed to take action to enter into the
16 lease or lease-purchase contract.

17 Sec. 83. Section 368.4, Code 2026, is amended to read as
18 follows:

19 **368.4 Annexing moratorium.**

20 A city, following notice and hearing, may by resolution agree
21 with another city or cities to refrain from annexing specifically
22 described territory for a period not to exceed ten years and,
23 following notice and hearing, may by resolution extend the
24 agreement for subsequent periods not to exceed ten years each.
25 Notice of a hearing shall be served by regular mail at least
26 thirty days before the hearing on the city development board and
27 on the board of supervisors of the county in which the territory
28 is located and shall be ~~published in an official county newspaper~~
29 in as provided in chapter 618, on the official internet site of
30 each county containing a city conducting a hearing regarding the
31 agreement, ~~in an official county newspaper in~~ on the official
32 internet site of any county within two miles of any such city,
33 ~~and in an official newspaper~~ on the official internet site of
34 each city conducting a hearing regarding the agreement. The
35 notice shall include the time and place of the hearing, describe

1 a description of the territory subject to the proposed agreement,
2 and the general terms of the agreement. After passage of a
3 resolution by the cities approving the agreements, a copy of the
4 agreement and a copy of any resolution extending an agreement
5 shall be filed with the city development board within ten days
6 of enactment. If such an agreement is in force, the board shall
7 dismiss a petition or plan ~~which~~ that violates the terms of the
8 agreement.

9 Sec. 84. Section 368.7, subsection 1, paragraph d, Code 2026,
10 is amended to read as follows:

11 d. The city shall provide for a public hearing on the
12 application before approving or denying it. The city shall
13 provide written notice at least fourteen business days prior
14 to any action by the city council regarding the application,
15 including a public hearing, by regular mail to the chairperson of
16 the board of supervisors of each county which contains a portion
17 of the territory proposed to be annexed, each public utility
18 which serves the territory proposed to be annexed, each owner of
19 property located within the territory to be annexed who is not a
20 party to the application, and each owner of property that adjoins
21 the territory to be annexed unless the adjoining property is in
22 a city. The city shall publish notice of the application and
23 public hearing on the application ~~in an official county newspaper~~
24 ~~in each county which contains a portion of the territory proposed~~
25 ~~to be annexed~~ as provided in chapter 618. Both the written
26 and published notice shall include the time and place of the
27 public hearing and a legal description of the territory to be
28 annexed. The city shall not assess the costs of providing
29 notice as required in this section to the applicants. The city
30 council shall approve or deny the application by resolution of
31 the council.

32 Sec. 85. Section 368.7, subsections 2 and 3, Code 2026, are
33 amended to read as follows:

34 2. An application for annexation of territory not within
35 an urbanized area of a city other than the city to which the

1 annexation is directed must be approved by resolution of the
2 council which receives the application. The city council shall
3 mail a copy of the application by certified mail to the board
4 of supervisors of each county which contains a portion of the
5 territory at least fourteen business days prior to any action
6 taken by the city council on the application. The council
7 shall also publish notice of the application ~~in an official~~
8 ~~county newspaper in each county which contains a portion of~~
9 ~~the territory~~ as provided in chapter 618 at least fourteen days
10 prior to any action taken by the council on the application.
11 Upon receiving approval of the council, the city clerk shall
12 file a copy of the resolution, map, and legal description of
13 the territory involved with the secretary of state, the county
14 board of supervisors of each county which contains a portion
15 of the territory, each affected public utility, and the state
16 department of transportation. The city clerk shall also record
17 a copy of the legal description, map, and resolution with the
18 county recorder of each county which contains a portion of
19 the territory. The secretary of state shall not accept and
20 acknowledge a copy of a legal description, map, and resolution
21 of annexation which would create an island. The annexation is
22 completed upon acknowledgment by the secretary of state that the
23 secretary of state has received the legal description, map, and
24 resolution.

25 3. An application for annexation of territory within an
26 urbanized area of a city other than the city to which the
27 annexation is directed must be approved both by resolution of the
28 council which receives the application and by the board. The
29 board shall not approve an application which creates an island.
30 Notice of the application shall be mailed by certified mail, by
31 the city to which the annexation is directed, at least fourteen
32 business days prior to any action by the city council on the
33 application to the council of each city whose boundary adjoins
34 the territory or is within two miles of the territory, to the
35 board of supervisors of each county which contains a portion of

1 the territory, each affected public utility, and to the regional
2 planning authority of the territory. Notice of the application
3 shall be published ~~in an official county newspaper in each county~~
4 ~~which contains a portion of the territory~~ as provided in chapter
5 618 at least ten business days prior to any action by the city
6 council on the application. The annexation is completed when
7 the board has filed and recorded copies of applicable portions
8 of the proceedings as required by section 368.20, subsection 1,
9 paragraph "b".

10 Sec. 86. Section 368.11, subsection 5, Code 2026, is amended
11 to read as follows:

12 5. Before a petition for involuntary annexation may be filed,
13 the petitioner shall hold a public meeting on the petition.
14 Notice of the meeting shall be published ~~in an official county~~
15 ~~newspaper in~~ as provided in chapter 618, on the official internet
16 site of each county which that contains a part of the territory
17 at least five days before the date of the public meeting. The
18 mayor of the city proposing to annex the territory, or that
19 person's designee, shall serve as chairperson of the public
20 meeting. The city clerk of the same city or the city clerk's
21 designee shall record the proceedings of the public meeting. Any
22 person attending the meeting may submit written comments and may
23 be heard on the petition. The minutes of the public meeting and
24 all documents submitted at the public meeting shall be forwarded
25 to the county board of supervisors of each county where the
26 territory is located and to the board by the chairperson of the
27 meeting.

28 Sec. 87. Section 372.13, subsection 6, Code 2026, is amended
29 to read as follows:

30 6. Within fifteen days following a regular or special meeting
31 of the council, the clerk shall cause the minutes of the
32 proceedings of the council, including the total expenditure from
33 each city fund, ~~to be delivered to a newspaper of general~~
34 ~~circulation in the city for publication~~ published as provided
35 in chapter 618. The publication shall include a list of all

1 claims allowed and a summary of all receipts and shall show
2 the gross amount of the claims. The list of claims allowed
3 shall show the name of the person or firm making the claim,
4 the reason for the claim, and the amount of the claim. If
5 the reason for the claims is the same, two or more claims made
6 by the same vendor, supplier, or claimant may be consolidated
7 if the number of claims consolidated and the total consolidated
8 claim amount are listed in the statement. However, the city
9 shall provide at its office upon request an unconsolidated list
10 of all claims allowed. Matters discussed in closed session
11 pursuant to section 21.3 shall not be published until entered
12 on the public minutes. However, in cities having more than
13 one hundred fifty thousand population, the council shall each
14 month print in pamphlet form a detailed itemized statement of
15 all receipts and disbursements of the city, and a summary of its
16 proceedings during the preceding month, and furnish copies to the
17 city library, the daily newspapers of the city, and to persons
18 who apply at the office of the city clerk, and the pamphlet
19 shall constitute publication as required. The contents of the
20 pamphlet shall be published on the city's internet site. Failure
21 by the clerk to make publication is a simple misdemeanor. ~~The~~
22 ~~provisions of this subsection are applicable in cities in which~~
23 ~~a newspaper is published, or in cities of two hundred population~~
24 ~~or over, but in all other cities, posting the statement in three~~
25 ~~public places in the city which have been permanently designated~~
26 ~~by ordinance is sufficient compliance with this subsection.~~

27 Sec. 88. Section 373.4, subsection 1, Code 2026, is amended
28 to read as follows:

29 1. Within sixty days after its organization, the commission
30 shall hold at least one public hearing for the purpose of
31 receiving information and material ~~which~~ that will assist in the
32 drafting of a charter. Notice of the date, time, and place of
33 the hearing shall be published ~~in the official county newspapers~~
34 of as provided in chapter 618 in each county in which the
35 participating cities are located.

1 Sec. 89. Section 373.6, subsection 1, Code 2026, is amended
2 to read as follows:

3 1. If a proposed charter for consolidation is received
4 not later than seventy-eight days before the next general
5 election, the council of the participating city with the largest
6 population shall, not later than sixty-nine days before the
7 general election, direct the county commissioner of elections to
8 submit to the registered voters of the participating cities at
9 the next general election the question of whether the proposed
10 charter shall be adopted. A summary of the proposed charter
11 shall be published ~~in a newspaper of general circulation in~~ as
12 provided in chapter 618 on the official internet site of each
13 city participating in the charter commission process at least ten
14 but not more than twenty days before the date of the election.
15 The proposed charter shall be effective in regard to a city only
16 if a majority of the electors of the city voting approves the
17 proposed charter.

18 Sec. 90. Section 384.16, subsection 3, Code 2026, is amended
19 to read as follows:

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

1 Sec. 91. Section 384.16, subsection 6, paragraph c,
2 subparagraph (1), Code 2026, is amended by striking the
3 subparagraph.

4 Sec. 92. Section 384.24A, subsection 4, paragraph b,
5 subparagraph (1), Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

6 (1) The governing body must institute proceedings to enter
7 into a loan agreement payable from the general fund by causing
8 a notice of the meeting to discuss entering into the loan
9 agreement, including a statement of the principal amount and
10 purpose of the loan agreement and the right to petition for an
11 election, to be published ~~at least once in a newspaper of general~~
12 ~~circulation within the city as provided in chapter 618~~ at least
13 ten days prior to the discussion meeting. No sooner than thirty
14 days following the discussion meeting shall the governing body
15 hold a meeting at which it is proposed to take action to enter
16 into the loan agreement.

17 Sec. 93. Section 384.25, subsection 3, paragraph a, Code
18 2026, is amended to read as follows:

19 a. Notwithstanding subsection 2, a council may institute
20 proceedings for the issuance of bonds for an essential corporate
21 purpose specified in section 384.24, subsection 3, paragraph "w"
22 or "x", in an amount equal to or greater than three million
23 dollars 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~~ that the bonds
26 are to bear, 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 meeting at which it is proposed to take action for the
30 issuance of the bonds.

31 Sec. 94. Section 384.26, subsection 3, paragraph b, Code
32 2026, is amended to read as follows:

33 b. Notice of the election must be given by publication as
34 ~~required by section 49.53 in a newspaper of general circulation~~
35 ~~in the city~~ provided in chapter 618. At the election the

1 ballot used for the submission of the proposition must be
2 in substantially the form for submitting special questions at
3 general elections.

4 Sec. 95. Section 384.26, subsection 5, paragraph a,
5 unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

6 Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 2, a council may,
7 in lieu of calling an election, institute proceedings for the
8 issuance of bonds for a general corporate purpose by causing a
9 notice of the proposal to issue the bonds, including a statement
10 of the amount and purpose of the bonds, together with the maximum
11 rate of interest ~~which~~ that the bonds are to bear, and the right
12 to petition for an election, to be published ~~at least once in~~
13 ~~a newspaper of general circulation within the city~~ as provided
14 by chapter 618 at least ten days prior to the meeting at which
15 it is proposed to take action for the issuance of the bonds
16 subject to the following population-based limitations, adjusted
17 and published annually in January by the department of management
18 by applying the percentage change in the consumer price index for
19 all urban consumers for the most recent available twelve-month
20 period published in the federal register by the United States
21 department of labor, bureau of labor statistics:

22 Sec. 96. Section 384.84A, subsection 1, Code 2026, is amended
23 to read as follows:

24 1. The governing body of a city may institute proceedings
25 to issue revenue bonds for storm water drainage construction
26 projects under section 384.84, subsection 7, by causing notice of
27 the proposed project, with a description of the proposed project
28 and a description of the formula for the determination of the
29 rate or rates applied to users for payment of the bonds, and
30 a description of the bonds and maximum rate of interest and
31 the right to petition for an election if the project meets the
32 requirement of subsection 2, to be published ~~at least once in a~~
33 ~~newspaper of general circulation within the city~~ as provided in
34 chapter 618 at least thirty days before the meeting at which the
35 governing body proposes to take action to institute proceedings

1 for issuance of revenue bonds for the storm water drainage
2 construction project.

3 Sec. 97. Section 400.3, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended
4 to read as follows:

5 2. If the city council appoints a commission, the city
6 council may, by ordinance, abolish the commission, and the
7 commission shall stand abolished sixty days from the date of
8 the ordinance and the powers and duties of the commission
9 shall revert to the city council except whenever a city having
10 a population of less than eight thousand provides for the
11 appointment of a civil service commission, the city council
12 may by ordinance abolish such office, but the ordinance shall
13 not take effect until the ordinance has been submitted to the
14 voters at a regular city election and approved by a majority of
15 the voters at such election. The ordinance shall be published
16 ~~once each week~~ for two consecutive weeks preceding the date of
17 the election ~~in a newspaper published in and having a general~~
18 ~~circulation in the city. If a newspaper is not published in such~~
19 ~~city, publication may be made in any newspaper having general~~
20 ~~circulation in the county as provided in chapter 618.~~

21 Sec. 98. Section 403.5, subsection 3, Code 2026, is amended
22 to read as follows:

23 3. The local governing body shall hold a public hearing on an
24 urban renewal plan after public notice thereof by publication ~~in~~
25 ~~a newspaper having a general circulation in the area of operation~~
26 ~~of the municipality as provided in chapter 618.~~ The notice
27 shall describe the time, date, place and purpose of the hearing,
28 shall generally identify the urban renewal area covered by the
29 plan, and shall outline the general scope of the urban renewal
30 activities under consideration. A copy of the notice shall be
31 sent by ordinary mail to each affected taxing entity.

32 Sec. 99. Section 403.8, subsection 2, paragraph a, Code 2026,
33 is amended to read as follows:

34 a. A municipality may dispose of real property in an urban
35 renewal area to private persons only under reasonable competitive

1 bidding procedures it shall prescribe, or as provided in this
2 subsection. A municipality, by public notice ~~by publication~~
3 ~~in a newspaper having a general circulation in the community~~
4 published as provided in chapter 618, thirty days prior to the
5 execution of a contract to sell, lease, or otherwise transfer
6 real property, and prior to the delivery of an instrument of
7 conveyance with respect to the real property under this section,
8 may invite proposals from and make available all pertinent
9 information to any persons interested in undertaking to redevelop
10 or rehabilitate an urban renewal area, or a part of the area.
11 The notice shall identify the area, or portion of the area, and
12 shall state that proposals shall be made by those interested
13 within thirty days after the date of publication of the notice,
14 and that further information available may be obtained at the
15 office designated in the notice. The municipality shall consider
16 all redevelopment or rehabilitation proposals, and the financial
17 and legal ability of the persons making the proposals to carry
18 them out, and the municipality may negotiate with any persons
19 for proposals concerning the purchase, lease or other transfer of
20 real property acquired by the municipality in the urban renewal
21 area. The municipality may accept the proposal it deems to be
22 in the public interest and in furtherance of the purposes of
23 this chapter. However, a notification of intention to accept
24 the proposal shall be filed with the governing body not less
25 than thirty days prior to the acceptance. Thereafter, the
26 municipality may execute a contract in accordance with subsection
27 1 and may deliver deeds, leases, and other instruments and may
28 take all steps necessary to effectuate the contract.

29 Sec. 100. Section 403.15, subsection 5, Code 2026, is amended
30 to read as follows:

31 5. The mayor or chairperson of the board, as applicable,
32 shall designate a chairperson and vice chairperson from among
33 the commissioners. An agency may employ an executive director,
34 technical experts and such other agents and employees, permanent
35 and temporary, as it may require, and the agency may determine

1 their qualifications, duties, and compensation. For such legal
2 service as it may require, an agency may employ or retain its
3 own counsel and legal staff. An agency authorized to transact
4 business and exercise powers under this chapter shall file, with
5 the local governing body, on or before September 30 of each year,
6 a report of its activities for the preceding fiscal year, which
7 report shall include a complete financial statement setting forth
8 its assets, liabilities, income and operating expense as of the
9 end of such fiscal year. At the time of filing the report, the
10 agency shall publish ~~in a newspaper of general circulation~~, as
11 provided in chapter 618, in the city or county, as applicable, a
12 notice to the effect that such report has been filed with the
13 municipality, and that the report is available for inspection
14 during business hours in the office of the city clerk or county
15 auditor, as applicable, and in the office of the agency.

16 Sec. 101. Section 403A.5, subsection 4, paragraph b, Code
17 2026, is amended to read as follows:

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

1 office of the city clerk and in the office of the agency.

2 Sec. 102. Section 403A.28, Code 2026, is amended to read as
3 follows:

4 **403A.28 Public hearing required.**

5 The municipal housing agency shall not undertake any low-cost
6 housing project until such time as a public hearing has been
7 called, at which time the agency shall advise the public of the
8 name of the proposed project, its location, the number of living
9 units proposed and their approximate cost. Notice of the public
10 hearing on the proposed project shall be published at least once
11 ~~in a newspaper of general circulation~~ as provided in chapter 618
12 within the municipality, at least fifteen days prior to the date
13 set for the hearing.

14 Sec. 103. Section 419.9, Code 2026, is amended to read as
15 follows:

16 **419.9 Public hearing.**

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

34 Sec. 104. Section 420.41, subsection 3, Code 2026, is amended
35 to read as follows:

1 3. Special charter cities which prior to and concurrently
2 with the taking effect of this subsection collect general city
3 taxes directly through their own officers, shall, within the
4 applicable provisions of chapter 384, subchapter I, make the
5 appropriations for the necessary expenditures for the next
6 ensuing fiscal year by ordinance. The proposed ordinance shall,
7 upon first reading, be placed on file with the clerk for
8 public inspection, and, upon second reading, if and as amended,
9 forthwith be published ~~in a newspaper of general circulation~~ as
10 provided in chapter 618, together with the time and place for a
11 public hearing on said proposed ordinance, which hearing shall be
12 not less than ten days prior to the council meeting at which it
13 shall be placed upon its passage.

14 Sec. 105. Section 420.214, Code 2026, is amended to read as
15 follows:

16 **420.214 Sale of real estate — notice.**

17 In the sale of real property for taxes and assessments, the
18 notice of the time and place of such sale shall be given by the
19 treasurer or the collector, and shall contain the description of
20 each separate tract to be sold, as taken from the tax list; the
21 amount of taxes for which it is liable, delinquent for each year,
22 and the amount of penalty, interest, and cost thereon; the name
23 of the owner, if known, or the person, if any, to whom it is
24 taxable; by publication ~~in some newspaper in the city once each~~
25 week for two consecutive weeks as provided in chapter 618, the
26 last of which shall be not more than two weeks before the date
27 of such sale, and by posting a copy thereof at the door of the
28 office of the collector or treasurer one week before the day of
29 such sale.

30 Sec. 106. Section 420.286, Code 2026, is amended to read as
31 follows:

32 **420.286 Procedure.**

33 On the presentation of a petition signed by one-fourth of
34 the electors, as shown by the vote at the next preceding city
35 election, of any city acting under a special charter or act of

1 incorporation, to the governing body of the city, asking that
2 the question of the amendment of the special charter or act of
3 incorporation be submitted to the electors of such city, the
4 governing body shall immediately propose sections to amend the
5 charter or act of incorporation, and shall submit the amendment,
6 as requested, at the first ensuing city election. At least ten
7 days before the election, the mayor of the city shall issue
8 a proclamation setting forth the nature and character of the
9 amendment, and shall cause the proclamation to be published ~~in a~~
10 ~~newspaper published in the city, or, if there be none, the mayor~~
11 ~~shall cause the amendment to be posted in five public places~~
12 ~~in the city as provided in chapter 618.~~ On the day specified,
13 the proposition to adopt the amendment shall be submitted to the
14 electors of the city for adoption or rejection, in the manner
15 provided by the general election laws.

16 Sec. 107. Section 423A.7, subsection 4, paragraph f,
17 subparagraph (1), Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

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

29 Sec. 108. Section 423B.9, subsection 4, paragraph a,
30 subparagraph (1), Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

31 (1) A bond issuer may institute proceedings for the issuance
32 of bonds by causing a notice of the proposal to issue the
33 bonds, including a statement of the amount and purpose of
34 the bonds, together with the maximum rate of interest ~~which~~
35 that the bonds are to bear, and the right to petition for an

1 election, to be published ~~at least once in a newspaper of general~~
2 ~~circulation within the political subdivision or unincorporated~~
3 ~~area as provided in chapter 618~~ at least ten days prior to the
4 meeting at which it is proposed to take action for the issuance
5 of the bonds.

6 Sec. 109. Section 423F.3, subsection 3, paragraph d, Code
7 2026, is amended to read as follows:

8 d. The board secretary shall notify the county commissioner
9 of elections of the intent to take an issue to the voters
10 pursuant to paragraph "b" or "c". The county commissioner of
11 elections shall publish the notices required by law for special
12 or general elections as provided in chapter 618, and the election
13 shall be held on a date specified in section 39.2, subsection 4,
14 paragraph "c". A majority of those voting on the question must
15 favor approval of the revenue purpose statement. If the proposal
16 is not approved, the school district shall not submit the same or
17 new revenue purpose statement to the electors for a period of six
18 months from the date of the previous election.

19 Sec. 110. Section 423F.3, subsection 7, paragraph a, Code
20 2026, is amended to read as follows:

21 a. Prior to approving the use of revenues received under this
22 chapter for an athletic facility infrastructure project within
23 the scope of the school district's approved revenue purpose
24 statement or pursuant to subsection 4 for a school district
25 without an approved revenue statement, the board of directors
26 shall adopt a resolution setting forth the proposal for the
27 athletic facility infrastructure project and hold an additional
28 public hearing on the issue of construction of the athletic
29 facility. Notice of the time and place of the public hearing
30 shall be published not less than ten nor more than twenty days
31 before the public hearing ~~in a newspaper which is a newspaper~~
32 ~~of general circulation in the school district~~ as provided in
33 chapter 618. If at any time prior to the fifteenth day following
34 the hearing, the secretary of the board of directors receives a
35 petition containing the required number of signatures and asking

1 that the question of the approval of the use of revenues for
2 the athletic facility infrastructure project be submitted to the
3 voters of the school district, the board of directors shall
4 either rescind the board's resolution for the use of revenues
5 for the athletic facility infrastructure project or direct the
6 county commissioner of elections to submit the question to the
7 registered voters of the school district at an election held
8 on a date specified in section 39.2, subsection 4, paragraph
9 "c". The petition must be signed by eligible electors equal
10 in number to not less than one hundred or thirty percent of
11 the number of voters at the last preceding election of school
12 officials under section 277.1, whichever is greater. If a
13 majority of those voting on the question favors the use of the
14 revenues for the athletic facility infrastructure project, the
15 board shall be authorized to approve such use by resolution of
16 the board. If a majority of those voting on the question does
17 not favor the use of the revenues for the athletic facility
18 infrastructure project, the board of directors shall rescind the
19 board's resolution for the use of revenues for the athletic
20 facility infrastructure project. If a petition is not received
21 by the board of directors within the prescribed time period,
22 the board of directors may approve the use of revenues for the
23 athletic facility infrastructure project without voter approval.

24 Sec. 111. Section 423F.4, subsection 2, paragraph a, Code
25 2026, is amended to read as follows:

26 a. Bonds issued on or after July 1, 2019, shall not be sold
27 at public sale as provided in chapter 75, or at a private sale,
28 without notice and hearing. Notice of the time and place of the
29 public hearing shall be published not less than ten nor more than
30 twenty days before the public hearing ~~in a newspaper which is a~~
31 ~~newspaper of general circulation~~ as provided in chapter 618 in
32 the school district.

33 Sec. 112. Section 441.7, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended
34 to read as follows:

35 2. The director of revenue shall conduct no more than

1 one special examination for each vacancy in an assessing
 2 jurisdiction. The examination shall be conducted by the director
 3 of revenue as provided in section 441.5, except as otherwise
 4 provided in this section. The examining board shall give notice
 5 of holding the examination for assessor by posting a written
 6 notice in a conspicuous place in the county courthouse in the
 7 case of county assessors or in the city hall in the case of
 8 city assessors, stating that at a specified date, an examination
 9 for the position of assessor will be held at a specified place.
 10 Similar notice shall be given at the same time by ~~one~~ publication
 11 of the notice ~~in three newspapers of general circulation in the~~
 12 ~~case of a county assessor, or in case there are not three such~~
 13 ~~newspapers in a county, then in newspapers which are available,~~
 14 ~~or in one newspaper of general circulation in the city in the~~
 15 ~~case of city assessor~~ as provided in chapter 618.

16 Sec. 113. Section 441.26, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended
 17 to read as follows:

18 2. The notice in each odd-numbered year shall contain a
 19 statement that the assessments are subject to equalization
 20 pursuant to an order issued by the department of revenue, that
 21 the county auditor shall give notice on or before October 8 by
 22 ~~publication in an official newspaper of general circulation~~ as
 23 provided in chapter 618 to any class of property affected by the
 24 equalization order, that the county auditor shall give notice by
 25 mail postmarked on or before October 8 to each property owner or
 26 taxpayer whose valuation has been increased by the equalization
 27 order, and that the board of review shall be in session from
 28 October 10 to November 15 to hear protests of affected property
 29 owners or taxpayers whose valuations have been adjusted by the
 30 equalization order.

31 Sec. 114. Section 441.49, subsection 2, paragraph a,
 32 unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

33 On or before October 8 the county auditor shall cause to
 34 be published ~~in official newspapers of general circulation~~ as
 35 provided in chapter 618 the final equalization order. The county

1 auditor shall also notify each property owner or taxpayer whose
2 valuation has been increased by the final equalization order by
3 mail postmarked on or before October 8. The publication and
4 the individual notice mailed to each property owner or taxpayer
5 whose valuation has been increased shall include, in type larger
6 than the remainder of the publication or notice, the following
7 statements:

8 Assessed values are equalized by the department of revenue
9 every two years. Local taxing authorities determine the final
10 tax levies and may reduce property tax rates to compensate for
11 any increase in valuation due to equalization. If you are not
12 satisfied that your assessment as adjusted by the equalization
13 order is correct, you may file a protest against such assessment
14 with the board of review on or after October 9, to and including
15 October 31.

16 Sec. 115. Section 446.9, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended
17 to read as follows:

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

1 Sec. 116. Section 447.10, Code 2026, is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 **447.10 Service by publication — fees.**

4 If notice in accordance with section 447.9 cannot be served
5 upon a person entitled to notice in the manner prescribed in
6 that section, then the holder of the certificate of purchase
7 shall cause the required notice to be published once in an
8 official newspaper in the county or, if applicable, as provided
9 in chapter 618. If service is made by publication, the affidavit
10 required by section 447.12 shall state the reason why service
11 in accordance with section 447.9 could not be made. Service
12 of notice by publication shall be deemed complete on the day
13 of the publication. Fees for publication, if required under
14 section 447.13, shall not exceed the customary publication fees
15 for official county publications.

16 Sec. 117. Section 455B.305A, subsection 1, paragraph b, Code
17 2026, is amended to read as follows:

18 b. Prior to the siting of a proposed new sanitary landfill
19 or incinerator by a private agency disposing of waste ~~which that~~
20 the agency generates on property owned by the agency ~~which that~~
21 is located outside of the city limits and for which no county
22 zoning ordinance exists, the private agency shall cause written
23 notice of the proposal, including the nature of the proposed
24 facility, and the right of the owner to submit a petition for
25 formal siting of the proposed site, to be served either in
26 person or by mail on the owners and residents of all property
27 within two miles in each direction of the proposed local site
28 area. The owners shall be identified based upon the authentic
29 tax records of the county in which the proposed site is to be
30 located. The private agency shall notify the county board of
31 supervisors ~~which that~~ governs the county in which the site is
32 to be located of the proposed siting, and certify that notices
33 have been mailed to owners and residents of the impacted area.
34 ~~Written notice shall be published in the official newspaper, as~~
35 ~~selected by the county board of supervisors pursuant to section~~

1 ~~349.1, of the county in which the site is located as provided~~
2 in chapter 618. The notice shall state the name and address of
3 the applicant, the location of the proposed site, the nature and
4 size of the development, the nature of the activity proposed,
5 the probable life of the proposed activity, and a description of
6 the right of persons to comment on the request. If two hundred
7 fifty or a minimum of twenty percent, whichever is less, of the
8 owners and residents of property notified submit a petition for
9 formal review to the county board of supervisors or if the county
10 board of supervisors, on the board's own motion, requires formal
11 review of the proposed siting, the private agency proposal is
12 subject to the formal siting procedures established pursuant to
13 this section.

14 Sec. 118. Section 455B.305A, subsection 3, paragraph b, Code
15 2026, is amended to read as follows:

16 b. Written notice shall be published ~~in the official~~
17 ~~newspaper of the county in which the site is located as provided~~
18 in chapter 618. The notice shall state the name and address of
19 the applicant, the location of the proposed site, the nature and
20 size of the development, the nature of the activity proposed, the
21 probable life of the proposed activity, the date when the request
22 for site approval will be submitted, and a description of the
23 right of persons to comment on the request.

24 Sec. 119. Section 455B.305A, subsection 5, Code 2026, is
25 amended to read as follows:

26 5. At least one public hearing shall be held by the city
27 council or county board of supervisors no sooner than ninety days
28 but no later than one hundred twenty days from receipt of the
29 request for siting approval. A hearing shall be preceded by
30 published notice ~~in an official newspaper of the county of the~~
31 ~~proposed site, including in any official newspaper located in the~~
32 city of the proposed site as provided in chapter 618.

33 Sec. 120. Section 459.304, subsection 2, paragraph a,
34 subparagraph (1), Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

35 (1) The board shall publish a notice that the board has

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

3 Sec. 121. Section 468.34, Code 2026, is amended to read as
4 follows:

5 **468.34 Advertisement for bids.**

6 The board shall publish notice once each week for two
7 consecutive weeks ~~in a newspaper published~~ as provided in chapter
8 618 in the county where the improvement is located, and publish
9 additional advertisement and publication elsewhere as the board
10 may direct. The notice shall state the time and place of letting
11 the work of construction of the improvement, specifying the
12 approximate amount of work to be done in each numbered section
13 of the district, the time fixed for the commencement, and the
14 time of the completion of the work, that bids will be received on
15 the entire work and in sections or divisions of it, and that a
16 bidder will be required to deposit a bid security with the county
17 auditor as provided in section 468.35. All notices shall set the
18 date that bids will be received and upon which the work will be
19 let. However, when the estimated cost of the improvement is less
20 than the adjusted competitive bid threshold, the board may let
21 the contract for the construction without taking bids and without
22 publishing notice.

23 Sec. 122. Section 468.82, Code 2026, is amended to read as
24 follows:

25 **468.82 Payment.**

26 The board, at the time of making the levy, shall fix a time
27 within which all assessments in excess of one hundred dollars may
28 be paid, and before any bonds are issued, publish notice ~~in an~~
29 ~~official newspaper~~ as provided in chapter 618 in the county where
30 the district is located, of such time. After the expiration of
31 such time, no assessments may be paid except in the manner and
32 at the times fixed by the board in the resolution authorizing the
33 issue of the bonds.

34 Sec. 123. Section 468.257, subsection 3, Code 2026, is
35 amended to read as follows:

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

8 Sec. 124. Section 468.507, Code 2026, is amended to read as
9 follows:

10 **468.507 Notice of election.**

11 The board, or, if in more than one county, the boards acting
12 jointly, shall cause notice of said election to be given, setting
13 forth the time and place of holding the same and the hours when
14 the polls will open and close. Such notice shall be published
15 for two consecutive weeks ~~in a newspaper in which the official~~
16 ~~proceedings of the board are published~~ as provided in chapter
17 618 in the county, or if the district extends into more than one
18 county, then ~~in such newspaper of~~ as provided in chapter 618 in
19 each county. The last of such publications shall not be less
20 than ten days before the date of said election.

21 Sec. 125. Section 618.1, Code 2026, is amended to read as
22 follows:

23 **618.1 Publications in English.**

24 1. All notices, proceedings, and other matter whatsoever of a
25 governmental entity, required by law or ordinance to be published
26 ~~in a newspaper~~, shall be published only in the English language
27 ~~and in newspapers published primarily in the English language~~ on
28 the statewide public notice internet site established pursuant to
29 section 618.3A and on the government entity's official internet
30 site such that the notice is clearly identifiable and accessible,
31 if such an internet site exists.

32 2. A governmental entity may elect via local ordinance to
33 provide all notices, proceedings, and other matter whatsoever,
34 required by law or ordinance to be published for publication in a
35 newspaper should that government entity determine publication in

1 a print edition of a newspaper is in the best interests of its
2 constituents.

3 3. For purposes of this chapter, "governmental entity"
4 means any county, city, township, school corporation, political
5 subdivision, tax-supported district, or nonprofit corporation
6 other than a fair conducting a fair event as provided in chapter
7 174, whose facilities or indebtedness are supported in whole or
8 in part with property tax revenue and that is licensed to conduct
9 pari-mutuel wagering pursuant to chapter 99D; or the governing
10 body of a drainage or levee district as provided in chapter 468,
11 including a board as defined in section 468.3, regardless of how
12 the district is organized.

13 Sec. 126. Section 618.3, subsection 1, paragraph e,
14 subparagraph (2), Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

15 (2) Display a link conspicuously on the homepage of the
16 internet site of the newspaper to the statewide public notice
17 internet site established pursuant to section 618.3A ~~if such an~~
18 ~~internet site exists.~~

19 Sec. 127. Section 618.3, subsection 1, paragraphs f and g,
20 Code 2026, are amended to read as follows:

21 f. Publish the address of the statewide public notice
22 internet site established pursuant to section 618.3A, ~~if such an~~
23 ~~internet site exists,~~ in each edition of the newspaper in the
24 section of the newspaper regularly designated for the publication
25 of public notices, and on the section of the newspaper's internet
26 site regularly designated for the publication of public notices,
27 if the newspaper operates an internet site.

28 g. Post all notices and reports of proceedings required by
29 statute to be published within the state by the newspaper to
30 the statewide public notice internet site established pursuant to
31 section 618.3A, ~~if such an internet site exists,~~ at no additional
32 cost.

33 Sec. 128. Section 618.3, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended
34 to read as follows:

35 2. If no newspaper meeting the requirements of subsection 1,

1 paragraphs "a" through "d", is published in the jurisdiction of
2 a governmental entity, the governmental entity may satisfy public
3 notice requirements through publication ~~in a newspaper meeting~~
4 ~~the requirements of subsection 1, paragraphs "a" and "c", and on~~
5 the statewide public notice internet site established pursuant to
6 section 618.3A and on the governmental entity's official internet
7 site such that the notice is clearly identifiable and accessible,
8 if such an internet site exists.

9 Sec. 129. Section 618.11, Code 2026, is amended by adding the
10 following new subsections:

11 NEW SUBSECTION. 3. Notwithstanding section 618.3, subsection
12 1, paragraph "g", the compensation for publication on the
13 statewide public notice internet site established in section
14 618.3A shall be a rate determined by the department of
15 administrative services annually, not to exceed any reasonable
16 costs to maintain the statewide public notice internet site,
17 beginning June 1, 2027, and each June 1 thereafter, the director
18 of the department of administrative services shall publish this
19 rate as a notice in the Iowa administrative bulletin prior to the
20 first day of the following calendar month. The new rate shall
21 be effective on the first day of the calendar month following
22 its publication. The rate shall be calculated by applying the
23 percentage change in the consumer price index for all urban
24 consumers for the last available twelve-month period published
25 in the federal register by the federal department of labor,
26 bureau of labor statistics, to the existing rate as an increase
27 or decrease in the rate rounded to the nearest dollar. The
28 calculation and publication of the rate by the director of the
29 department of administrative services shall be exempt from the
30 provisions of chapters 17A and 25B.

31 NEW SUBSECTION. 4. An electronic certificate of posting on
32 the statewide public notice internet site shall be delivered to
33 the governmental entity and constitute proof of publication for
34 all legal purposes.

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EXPLANATION

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

3 This bill relates to local government including the approval
4 of policies or rules of subunits of political subdivisions by
5 ordinance and the posting of public notices.

6 DIVISION I. The bill prohibits a department, office, or other
7 subunit of a county or city from making internal policies or
8 rules without the board of supervisors or council approving such
9 action through an ordinance. The subunit must submit the policy
10 or rule to the board of supervisors or city council for approval
11 and the policy or rule must then be approved by ordinance adopted
12 by the board of supervisors or city council. Any ordinance
13 adopted by a county or city shall be accompanied with a cost
14 analysis that presents the cost to taxpayers and businesses and
15 other economic impacts of the ordinance. This information shall
16 be made accessible to the public on the official internet site of
17 the county or city.

18 The bill applies to all policies, rules, and ordinances
19 adopted or implemented on or after the effective date of this
20 division of the bill.

21 DIVISION II. The bill requires a governmental entity, as
22 defined in the bill, to post a statutorily required public
23 notice, as defined in the bill, on the statewide public notice
24 internet site.

25 The bill amends sections throughout the Code that require the
26 publication of public notice to require the notice to be posted
27 consistent with the requirements of the bill.