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LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL BY
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A BILL FOR

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

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DIVISION II

PUBLIC NOTICE IN NEWSPAPERS — REQUIREMENT ELIMINATED

Sec. 3. Section 6B.2A, subsection 2, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

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

Sec. 4. Section 24.2A, subsection 4, Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

4. a. Each political subdivision shall set a time and place for a public hearing on the political subdivision's proposed property tax amount for the budget year and the political subdivision's information included in the statements under subsection 2. The proposed property tax hearing shall be set on a date on or after March 20 of the budget year immediately preceding the budget year for which the tax is being proposed. At the hearing, the governing body of the political subdivision shall receive oral or written testimony from any resident or property owner of the political subdivision. This public hearing shall be separate from any other meeting of the governing body of the political subdivision, including any other meeting or public hearing relating to the political subdivision's budget, and other business of the political subdivision that is not related to the proposed property tax amounts and the information in the statements shall not be conducted at the public hearing. After all testimony has been received and considered, the governing body may decrease, but not increase, the proposed property tax amount to be included in the political subdivision's budget.

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

1 ~~selected under chapter 349.~~

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

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

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

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

20 ~~(b) The political subdivision can demonstrate to the county~~
21 ~~auditor that the political subdivision provided sufficient time~~
22 ~~for the newspaper to publish the notice.~~

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

34 ~~(2) (a) If the political subdivision is a county, notice of~~
35 ~~the public hearing shall be published not less than ten nor more~~

1 than twenty days prior to the hearing.

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

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

8 Sec. 5. Section 24.9, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code 2026,
9 is amended to read as follows:

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

25 Sec. 6. Section 26A.3, subsection 3, paragraph b, Code 2026,
26 is amended to read as follows:

27 b. The request for statements of qualifications shall be
28 posted not less than thirteen and not more than forty-five
29 days before the date for response in a relevant contractor
30 plan room service with statewide circulation, in a relevant
31 construction lead generating service with statewide circulation,
32 ~~and on an internet site sponsored by either a governmental entity~~
33 ~~or a statewide association that represents the governmental~~
34 entity when applicable as provided in chapter 618. If
35 circumstances beyond the control of the governmental entity

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

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

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

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

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

35 Sec. 9. Section 28A.21, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended

1 to read as follows:

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

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

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

31 Sec. 11. Section 37.4, Code 2026, is amended to read as
32 follows:

33 **37.4 Notice.**

34 Notice of the election shall be given by publication ~~in one~~
35 ~~newspaper published or having general circulation in the city as~~

1 ~~provided in section 362.3~~ as provided in chapter 618. The notice
2 shall state the purpose of the memorial proposed as outlined in
3 section 37.18.

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

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

16 Sec. 13. Section 69.2, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended to
17 read as follows:

18 2. If the status of an officeholder is in question, the
19 entity or officer responsible for making an appointment to
20 fill the vacancy shall decide whether a vacancy exists. The
21 appointing entity or officer may act upon its own motion.
22 If a petition signed by twenty-five registered voters of the
23 jurisdiction is received, the appointing entity or officer shall
24 convene within thirty days to consider whether a vacancy exists.
25 The appointing entity or officer shall publish notice that a
26 public hearing will be held to determine whether a vacancy
27 exists. If applicable, such notice shall be made pursuant to
28 chapter 618. The notice shall include the time and place of the
29 hearing and the name of the office and the officeholder whose
30 status is in question. The public hearing shall be held not
31 less than four nor more than fourteen days after publication of
32 the notice. The officer whose status is in question shall be
33 notified of the time and place of the hearing. Notice shall be
34 sent by certified mail and must be postmarked at least fourteen
35 days before the hearing. No later than seven days after the

1 public hearing, the appointing entity or officer shall publish
2 its decision. If the appointing entity or officer decides that
3 the office is vacant, the publication shall state the date the
4 vacancy occurred and what action will be taken to fill the
5 vacancy.

6 Sec. 14. Section 73A.12, Code 2026, is amended to read as
7 follows:

8 **73A.12 Issuance of bonds — notice.**

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

20 Sec. 15. Section 74A.7, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended
21 to read as follows:

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

29 Sec. 16. Section 75.2, Code 2026, is amended to read as
30 follows:

31 **75.2 Notice of sale.**

32 When public bonds are offered for sale, the official in charge
33 of the bond issue shall, by advertisement published at least
34 once, the last one of which shall be not less than four nor more
35 than twenty days before the sale ~~in a newspaper located in the~~

1 ~~county or a county contiguous to the place of sale as provided~~
2 in chapter 618, give notice of the time and place of sale of
3 the bonds, the amount to be offered for sale, and any further
4 information ~~which~~ that the official deems pertinent.

5 Sec. 17. Section 80.39, subsection 1, Code 2026, is amended
6 to read as follows:

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

24 Sec. 18. Section 137.104, subsection 1, paragraph b,
25 subparagraphs (1), (2), (3), and (4), Code 2026, are amended to
26 read as follows:

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

31 (2) Rules of a county board shall become effective upon
32 approval by the county board of supervisors by a motion or
33 resolution as defined in section 331.101, subsection 13, and
34 publication ~~in a newspaper having general circulation in the~~
35 county as provided in chapter 618.

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

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

13 Sec. 19. Section 145A.5, Code 2026, is amended to read as
14 follows:

15 **145A.5 Order of approval.**

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

34 Sec. 20. Section 161A.16, Code 2026, is amended to read as
35 follows:

1 **161A.16 Publication of notice.**

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

10 Sec. 21. Section 161A.45, Code 2026, is amended to read as
11 follows:

12 **161A.45 Submission of regulations to division — hearing.**

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

27 Sec. 22. Section 174.17, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code
28 2026, is amended to read as follows:

29 a. A fair may institute proceedings for the issuance of bonds
30 by causing a notice of the proposal to issue the bonds to be
31 published at least once ~~in a newspaper of general circulation~~
32 ~~within the county~~ as provided in chapter 618 at least ten days
33 prior to the meeting at which the fair proposes to take action
34 for the issuance of the bonds. The notice shall include a
35 statement of the amount and purpose of the bonds, the maximum

1 rate of interest the bonds are to bear, and the right to petition
2 for an election.

3 Sec. 23. Section 257.18, subsection 1, Code 2026, is amended
4 to read as follows:

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

29 Sec. 24. Section 257.31, subsection 5, paragraph o,
30 subparagraph (2), Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

31 (2) Prior to filing a request for supplemental aid or a
32 modified supplemental amount based on the grounds specified in
33 this paragraph, the board of directors shall hold a public
34 hearing on the issue and shall publish the notice of the time
35 and place of the public hearing. Notice of the time and place of

1 the public hearing shall be published not less than ten nor more
2 than twenty days before the public hearing ~~in a newspaper that~~
3 ~~is a newspaper of general circulation in the school district as~~
4 provided in chapter 618.

5 Sec. 25. Section 257B.5, Code 2026, is amended to read as
6 follows:

7 **257B.5 Notice — sale.**

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

29 Sec. 26. Section 260C.14, subsection 12, Code 2026, is
30 amended to read as follows:

31 12. During the second week of August of each year, publish ~~by~~
32 ~~one insertion in at least one newspaper published in the merged~~
33 area as provided in chapter 618 a summarized statement verified
34 by affidavit of the secretary of the board showing the receipts
35 and disbursements of all funds of the community college for the

1 preceding fiscal year. The statement of disbursements shall
2 show the names of the persons, firms, or corporations, and the
3 total amount paid to each during the fiscal year. The board is
4 not required to make the publications and notices required under
5 sections 279.35 and 279.36.

6 Sec. 27. Section 273.8, subsection 2, paragraph a, Code 2026,
7 is amended to read as follows:

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

14 Sec. 28. Section 273.8, subsection 3, Code 2026, is amended
15 to read as follows:

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

1 convention by a delegate from a board of directors of a school
2 district located within the director district. A statement of
3 candidacy shall include the candidate's name, address, and school
4 district. Delegates to director district conventions shall not
5 be bound by a school board or any school board member to pledge
6 their votes to any candidate prior to the date of the convention.

7 Sec. 29. Section 273.27, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code
8 2026, is amended to read as follows:

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

19 Sec. 30. Section 275.14, subsection 1, Code 2026, is amended
20 to read as follows:

21 1. Within ten days after the petition is filed, the area
22 education agency administrator shall fix a final date for filing
23 objections to the petition, which shall be not more than sixty
24 days after the petition is filed, and shall fix the date for a
25 hearing on the objections to the petition. Objections shall be
26 filed in the office of the administrator, who shall give notice
27 at least ten days prior to the final day for filing objections,
28 by one publication ~~in a newspaper published within the territory~~
29 ~~described in the petition, or if none is published in the~~
30 ~~territory, in a newspaper published in the county where the~~
31 ~~petition is filed, and of general circulation in the territory~~
32 described as provided in chapter 618. The notice shall also
33 list the date, time, and location for the hearing on the petition
34 as provided in section 275.15. The cost of publication shall
35 be assessed to each district whose territory is involved in

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

10 Sec. 31. Section 275.15, subsection 4, Code 2026, is amended
11 to read as follows:

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

24 Sec. 32. Section 275.16, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended
25 to read as follows:

26 2. Votes of each member of an area education agency board
27 in attendance shall be weighted so that the total number of
28 votes eligible to be cast by members of each board in attendance
29 shall be equal. However, if the joint boards cast a tie vote
30 and are unable to agree to a decision fixing the boundaries
31 for the proposed school corporation or to a decision to dismiss
32 the petition, the time during which actions must be taken under
33 section 275.15 shall be extended from ten days to fifteen days
34 after the conclusion of the hearing under section 275.15, and
35 the joint board shall reconvene not less than ten and not more

1 than fifteen days after the conclusion of the hearing. At the
2 hearing the joint board shall reconsider its action and if a tie
3 vote is again cast it is a decision granting the petition and
4 changing the plans of any and all of the agency boards affected
5 by the petition and fixing the boundaries for the proposed school
6 corporation. The agency administrator shall at once publish the
7 decision in the same newspaper as provided in chapter 618 in the
8 same manner in which the original notice was published.

9 Sec. 33. Section 275.18, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended
10 to read as follows:

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

28 Sec. 34. Section 275.54, subsection 1, Code 2026, is amended
29 to read as follows:

30 1. Within ten days following the filing of the dissolution
31 proposal with the board, the board shall fix a date for a hearing
32 on the proposal, which shall not be more than sixty days after
33 the dissolution petition was filed with the board. The board
34 shall publish notice of the date, time, and location of the
35 hearing at least ten days prior to the date of the hearing by one

1 ~~publication in a newspaper in general circulation in the district~~
2 as provided in chapter 618. The notice shall include the content
3 of the dissolution proposal. A person residing or owning land
4 in the school district may present evidence and arguments at
5 the hearing. The president of the board shall preside at the
6 hearing. The board shall review testimony from the hearing and
7 shall adopt or amend and adopt the dissolution proposal.

8 Sec. 35. Section 275.55, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended
9 to read as follows:

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

17 Sec. 36. Section 279.36, Code 2026, is amended to read as
18 follows:

19 **279.36 Publication procedures and fee.**

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

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

27 Sec. 37. Section 303.44, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2026,
28 is amended to read as follows:

29 The board of supervisors to whom the petition is addressed,
30 at its next regular, special, or adjourned meeting, shall set
31 the time and place when it will meet for a hearing upon the
32 petition, and direct the county auditor in whose office the
33 petition is filed to cause notice to be given to all persons whom
34 it may concern, without naming them, of the pendency and prayer
35 of the petition, by publication of a notice once each week for

1 two consecutive weeks ~~in some newspaper of general circulation~~
2 published as provided in chapter 618 in the proposed district.
3 The last publication shall not be less than twenty days prior
4 to the date set for the hearing of the petition. ~~If no such~~
5 ~~newspaper is published in the proposed district, then notice~~
6 ~~shall be by posting at least five copies of the notice in the~~
7 ~~proposed district at least twenty days before the hearing.~~ Proof
8 of giving notice shall be made by affidavit of the publisher or
9 affidavit of the person who posted the notices, and the proof
10 shall be on file with the county auditor at the time the hearing
11 begins. The notice of hearing shall be directed to all persons
12 it may concern, and shall state the following:

13 Sec. 38. Section 303.46, Code 2026, is amended to read as
14 follows:

15 **303.46 Notice of election.**

16 In its order for the election the board of supervisors shall
17 direct the county auditor to cause notice of the election to
18 be given by posting at least five copies of the notice in
19 public places in the proposed district at least twenty days
20 before the date of election and by publication of the notice
21 once each week for three consecutive weeks ~~in some newspaper of~~
22 ~~general circulation published as provided in chapter 618~~ in the
23 proposed district, ~~or, if no such newspaper is published within~~
24 ~~the proposed district, then in such a newspaper published in~~
25 ~~the county in which the major part of the proposed district is~~
26 ~~located.~~ The last publication is to be at least twenty days
27 prior to the date of election. The notice shall state the
28 time and place of holding the election and the hours when the
29 polls will be open and closed, the purpose of the election,
30 with the name of the proposed district and a description of
31 its boundaries, and shall set forth briefly the limits of each
32 voting precinct and the location of the polling places. Proof of
33 posting and publication shall be made in the manner provided in
34 section 303.44 and filed with the county auditor.

35 Sec. 39. Section 303.52, subsection 3, Code 2026, is amended

1 to read as follows:

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

12 Sec. 40. Section 306.12, Code 2026, is amended to read as
13 follows:

14 **306.12 Notice — service.**

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

25 Sec. 41. Section 309.96, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended
26 to read as follows:

27 2. In the event that a county secondary road budget or
28 amended budget thereto is disapproved by the department, the
29 county may elect either to revise such budget or amended budget
30 so as to receive approval or the county may elect to operate
31 with such disapproved budget or amended budget. In the event the
32 county secondary road budget is disapproved in whole or in part,
33 within twenty days after receipt of the department's report, the
34 board of supervisors shall cause to be published ~~in the official~~
35 ~~newspapers of the county~~ as provided in chapter 618, notice of a

1 public hearing to be held within ten days of said publication, on
2 the department's recommendations, and at said hearing the board
3 of supervisors shall amend or adopt their original budget.

4 Sec. 42. Section 321.89, subsection 3, paragraph g, Code
5 2026, is amended to read as follows:

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

16 Sec. 43. Section 321.236, subsection 13, paragraph b, Code
17 2026, is amended to read as follows:

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

26 Sec. 44. Section 330A.6, subsection 1, unnumbered paragraph
27 1, Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

28 Whenever the governing body of any municipality shall desire
29 to participate in the creation of an authority it shall adopt a
30 resolution signifying its intention to do so and shall publish
31 said resolution at least one time ~~in a newspaper of general~~
32 circulation as provided in chapter 618 in such municipality
33 giving notice of a hearing to be held on the question of the
34 municipality's entry into such authority. Such resolution shall
35 be published at least fourteen days prior to the date of hearing,

1 and shall contain therein the following information:

2 Sec. 45. Section 330A.7, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended
3 to read as follows:

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

24 Sec. 46. Section 330A.11, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended
25 to read as follows:

26 2. The proposed action of an authority, and the proposed
27 agreement to acquire, shall be approved by the governing body
28 of the owner of the aviation facilities. Whenever the governing
29 body of any municipality, airport commission, or authority, shall
30 desire to sell, lease, lend, grant, or convey to the authority,
31 any aviation facilities or any part or parts thereof, as
32 aforesaid, it shall adopt a resolution signifying its intention
33 to do so and shall publish said resolution at least one time ~~in~~
34 ~~a newspaper of general circulation~~ as provided in chapter 618 in
35 said municipality and ~~in a newspaper or newspapers~~, if necessary,

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

10 Sec. 47. Section 331.207, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended
11 to read as follows:

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

23 Sec. 48. Section 331.237, subsection 1, Code 2026, is amended
24 to read as follows:

25 1. If a proposed charter for county government is received
26 not less than five working days before the filing deadline for
27 candidates for county offices specified in section 44.4 for
28 the next general election, the board shall direct the county
29 commissioner of elections to submit to the registered voters of
30 the county at the next general election the question of whether
31 the proposed charter shall be adopted. A summary of the proposed
32 charter or amendment shall be published ~~in~~ as provided in chapter
33 618, on the official internet site of the county newspapers and
34 ~~in a newspaper of general circulation in~~ on the official internet
35 site of each participating city, if applicable, at least ten

1 but not more than twenty days before the date of the election.
2 Except as otherwise provided in sections 331.247 and 331.260, if
3 a majority of the votes cast on the question is in favor of the
4 proposal, the proposal is adopted.

5 Sec. 49. Section 331.302, subsection 8, Code 2026, is amended
6 to read as follows:

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

34 Sec. 50. Section 331.305, subsection 1, Code 2026, is amended
35 to read as follows:

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

9 Sec. 51. Section 331.385, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended
10 to read as follows:

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

21 Sec. 52. Section 331.425, subsection 5, Code 2026, is amended
22 to read as follows:

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

28 Sec. 53. Section 331.434, subsections 3 and 6, Code 2026, are
29 amended to read as follows:

30 3. Following, and not until, the requirements of section
31 24.2A are completed, the board shall set a time and place for
32 a public hearing on the budget before the final certification
33 date and shall publish notice of the hearing not less than ten
34 nor more than twenty days prior to the hearing ~~in the county~~
35 ~~newspapers selected under chapter 349~~ as provided in chapter

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

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

26 Sec. 54. Section 331.434, subsection 7, paragraph c,
27 subparagraph (1), Code 2026, is amended by striking the
28 subparagraph.

29 Sec. 55. Section 331.443, subsection 3, paragraph a, Code
30 2026, is amended to read as follows:

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

1 issue the bonds, including a statement of the amount and purpose
2 of the bonds, together with the maximum rate of interest which
3 that the bonds are to bear, and the right to petition for an
4 election, to be published at least once ~~in a newspaper of general~~
5 circulation as provided in chapter 618 within the county at least
6 ten days prior to the meeting at which it is proposed to take
7 action for the issuance of the bonds.

8 Sec. 56. Section 341A.6, subsection 6, Code 2026, is amended
9 to read as follows:

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

21 Sec. 57. Section 346.27, subsection 4, Code 2026, is amended
22 to read as follows:

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

32 Sec. 58. Section 346.27, subsection 6, Code 2026, is amended
33 to read as follows:

34 6. The articles of incorporation shall be recorded in the
35 office of the county recorder and filed with the secretary

1 of state, and shall be published ~~once in a newspaper on the~~
2 county's official internet site designated in the articles of
3 incorporation and ~~having a general circulation within the county,~~
4 and upon such recording and publication, the authority shall be
5 deemed to come into existence.

6 Sec. 59. Section 346.27, subsection 10, paragraph b, Code
7 2026, is amended to read as follows:

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

17 Sec. 60. Section 347.7, subsection 4, paragraph a, Code 2026,
18 is amended to read as follows:

19 a. The tax levy authorized by this section for operation and
20 maintenance of the hospital may be available in whole or in
21 part to any county with or without a county hospital organized
22 under this chapter, to be used to enhance rural health services
23 in the county. However, the tax levied may be expended for
24 enhancement of rural health care services only following a
25 local planning process. The department of health and human
26 services shall establish guidelines to be followed by counties
27 in implementing the local planning process, which shall require
28 legal notice, public hearings, and a referendum in accordance
29 with this subsection prior to the authorization of any new levy
30 or a change in the use of a levy. The notice shall describe
31 the new levy or the change in the use of the levy, indicate the
32 date and location of the hearing, and shall be published ~~at least~~
33 ~~once each week~~ for two consecutive weeks ~~in a newspaper having~~
34 general circulation in the county as provided in chapter 618. The
35 hearing shall not take place prior to two weeks after the second

1 publication.

2 Sec. 61. Section 349.16, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2026,
3 is amended to read as follows:

4 ~~There shall be published in each of the official newspapers at~~
5 ~~the expense of the county as provided in chapter 618~~ during the
6 ensuing year:

7 Sec. 62. Section 349.18, subsection 3, paragraph b, Code
8 2026, is amended to read as follows:

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

15 Sec. 63. Section 352.7, subsection 1, Code 2026, is amended
16 to read as follows:

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

24 Sec. 64. Section 354.25, subsection 1, Code 2026, is amended
25 to read as follows:

26 1. A survey of an official plat shall conform as nearly as
27 possible to the original lot lines shown on the official plat.
28 The surveyor may summon witnesses, administer oaths, and prepare
29 affidavits and boundary line agreements as necessary in order
30 to establish the location of property lines or lot lines. If
31 a substantial error is discovered in an official plat or if it
32 is found to be materially defective, a proprietor may petition
33 the governing body ~~which~~ that would have jurisdiction to approve
34 the plat at the time the petition is filed for a replat of
35 any part of the official plat. Notice of the proposed replat

1 shall be served, in the manner of original notice as provided
2 in Iowa rules of civil procedure, to the proprietors of record
3 and holders of easements specifically recorded within the area to
4 be replatted. The governing body has jurisdiction of the matter
5 upon proof of publication of notice of the petition ~~once each~~
6 ~~week for two weeks in a newspaper of general circulation within~~
7 ~~the area of the replat~~ as provided in chapter 618.

8 Sec. 65. Section 357A.3, subsection 1, Code 2026, is amended
9 to read as follows:

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

12 Sec. 66. Section 357A.6, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended
13 to read as follows:

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

25 Sec. 67. Section 357A.8, subsection 1, Code 2026, is amended
26 to read as follows:

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

34 Sec. 68. Section 357A.11, subsection 13, paragraph b, Code
35 2026, is amended to read as follows:

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

15 Sec. 69. Section 357A.12, subsection 1, Code 2026, is amended
16 to read as follows:

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

30 Sec. 70. Section 357A.24, subsection 4, paragraph b, Code
31 2026, is amended to read as follows:

32 b. The order shall be published in on the same newspaper
33 ~~which published~~ official internet site as the notice of the
34 hearing.

35 Sec. 71. Section 357B.18, Code 2026, is amended to read as

1 follows:

2 **357B.18 Detachment of land from district.**

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

22 Sec. 72. Section 357F.4, Code 2026, is amended to read as
23 follows:

24 **357F.4 Time of hearing.**

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

31 Sec. 73. Section 357G.4, Code 2026, is amended to read as
32 follows:

33 **357G.4 Time of hearing.**

34 The public hearing required in section 357G.2 shall be held
35 within thirty days of the presentation of the petition. Notice

1 of hearing shall be given by publication ~~in two successive issues~~
2 ~~of any newspaper of general circulation within the district~~ as
3 provided in chapter 618. The ~~last~~ publication shall be not less
4 than one week before the proposed hearing.

5 Sec. 74. Section 357I.4, Code 2026, is amended to read as
6 follows:

7 **357I.4 Time of hearing.**

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

14 Sec. 75. Section 357J.10, Code 2026, is amended to read as
15 follows:

16 **357J.10 Approval of district property tax levy.**

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

1 hearing. The tax shall be set to raise only the amount needed.
2 The commission shall have exclusive tax-levying authority for the
3 district.

4 Sec. 76. Section 358.40, subsections 3 and 4, Code 2026, are
5 amended to read as follows:

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

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

1 section 76.2. After the board makes a specific finding that
2 all indebtedness, costs, and expenses have been paid or levies
3 approved for their payment, the board shall dissolve the district
4 by resolution entered upon its records. The dissolution order
5 shall be noted by the auditor on the county records, showing the
6 date when the dissolution became effective.

7 Sec. 77. Section 359.52, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code
8 2026, is amended to read as follows:

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

17 Sec. 78. Section 362.3, subsection 1, paragraph b, Code 2026,
18 is amended to read as follows:

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

27 Sec. 79. Section 362.3, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended
28 by striking the subsection.

29 Sec. 80. Section 364.2, subsection 4, paragraph c, Code 2026,
30 is amended to read as follows:

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

34 Sec. 81. Section 364.4, subsection 4, paragraph e,
35 subparagraph (2), subparagraph division (a), Code 2026, is

1 amended to read as follows:

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

14 Sec. 82. Section 368.4, Code 2026, is amended to read as
15 follows:

16 **368.4 Annexing moratorium.**

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

1 agreement and a copy of any resolution extending an agreement
2 shall be filed with the city development board within ten days
3 of enactment. If such an agreement is in force, the board shall
4 dismiss a petition or plan ~~which~~ that violates the terms of the
5 agreement.

6 Sec. 83. Section 368.7, subsection 1, paragraph d, Code 2026,
7 is amended to read as follows:

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

29 Sec. 84. Section 368.7, subsections 2 and 3, Code 2026, are
30 amended to read as follows:

31 2. An application for annexation of territory not within
32 an urbanized area of a city other than the city to which the
33 annexation is directed must be approved by resolution of the
34 council which receives the application. The city council shall
35 mail a copy of the application by certified mail to the board

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

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

1 ~~which contains a portion of the territory as provided in chapter~~
2 618 at least ten business days prior to any action by the city
3 council on the application. The annexation is completed when
4 the board has filed and recorded copies of applicable portions
5 of the proceedings as required by section 368.20, subsection 1,
6 paragraph "b".

7 Sec. 85. Section 368.11, subsection 5, Code 2026, is amended
8 to read as follows:

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

25 Sec. 86. Section 372.13, subsection 6, Code 2026, is amended
26 to read as follows:

27 6. Within fifteen days following a regular or special meeting
28 of the council, the clerk shall cause the minutes of the
29 proceedings of the council, including the total expenditure from
30 each city fund, to be ~~delivered to a newspaper of general~~
31 circulation in the city for publication published as provided
32 in chapter 618. The publication shall include a list of all
33 claims allowed and a summary of all receipts and shall show
34 the gross amount of the claims. The list of claims allowed
35 shall show the name of the person or firm making the claim,

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

24 Sec. 87. Section 373.4, subsection 1, Code 2026, is amended
25 to read as follows:

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

33 Sec. 88. Section 373.6, subsection 1, Code 2026, is amended
34 to read as follows:

35 1. If a proposed charter for consolidation is received

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

15 Sec. 89. Section 384.16, subsection 3, Code 2026, is amended
16 to read as follows:

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

33 Sec. 90. Section 384.16, subsection 6, paragraph c,
34 subparagraph (1), Code 2026, is amended by striking the
35 subparagraph.

1 Sec. 91. Section 384.24A, subsection 4, paragraph b,
2 subparagraph (1), Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

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

14 Sec. 92. Section 384.25, subsection 3, paragraph a, Code
15 2026, is amended to read as follows:

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

28 Sec. 93. Section 384.26, subsection 3, paragraph b, Code
29 2026, is amended to read as follows:

30 b. Notice of the election must be given by publication as
31 ~~required by section 49.53 in a newspaper of general circulation~~
32 ~~in the city~~ provided in chapter 618. At the election the
33 ballot used for the submission of the proposition must be
34 in substantially the form for submitting special questions at
35 general elections.

1 Sec. 94. Section 384.26, subsection 5, paragraph a,
2 unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

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

19 Sec. 95. Section 384.84A, subsection 1, Code 2026, is amended
20 to read as follows:

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

35 Sec. 96. Section 400.3, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended

1 to read as follows:

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

18 Sec. 97. Section 403.5, subsection 3, Code 2026, is amended
19 to read as follows:

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

29 Sec. 98. Section 403.8, subsection 2, paragraph a, Code 2026,
30 is amended to read as follows:

31 a. A municipality may dispose of real property in an urban
32 renewal area to private persons only under reasonable competitive
33 bidding procedures it shall prescribe, or as provided in this
34 subsection. A municipality, by public notice ~~by publication~~
35 ~~in a newspaper having a general circulation in the community~~

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

26 Sec. 99. Section 403.15, subsection 5, Code 2026, is amended
27 to read as follows:

28 5. The mayor or chairperson of the board, as applicable,
29 shall designate a chairperson and vice chairperson from among
30 the commissioners. An agency may employ an executive director,
31 technical experts and such other agents and employees, permanent
32 and temporary, as it may require, and the agency may determine
33 their qualifications, duties, and compensation. For such legal
34 service as it may require, an agency may employ or retain its
35 own counsel and legal staff. An agency authorized to transact

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

13 Sec. 100. Section 403A.5, subsection 4, paragraph b, Code
14 2026, is amended to read as follows:

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

34 Sec. 101. Section 403A.28, Code 2026, is amended to read as
35 follows:

1 **403A.28 Public hearing required.**

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

11 Sec. 102. Section 419.9, Code 2026, is amended to read as
12 follows:

13 **419.9 Public hearing.**

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

31 Sec. 103. Section 420.41, subsection 3, Code 2026, is amended
32 to read as follows:

33 3. Special charter cities which prior to and concurrently
34 with the taking effect of this subsection collect general city
35 taxes directly through their own officers, shall, within the

1 applicable provisions of chapter 384, subchapter I, make the
2 appropriations for the necessary expenditures for the next
3 ensuing fiscal year by ordinance. The proposed ordinance shall,
4 upon first reading, be placed on file with the clerk for
5 public inspection, and, upon second reading, if and as amended,
6 forthwith be published ~~in a newspaper of general circulation as~~
7 provided in chapter 618, together with the time and place for a
8 public hearing on said proposed ordinance, which hearing shall be
9 not less than ten days prior to the council meeting at which it
10 shall be placed upon its passage.

11 Sec. 104. Section 420.214, Code 2026, is amended to read as
12 follows:

13 **420.214 Sale of real estate — notice.**

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

27 Sec. 105. Section 420.286, Code 2026, is amended to read as
28 follows:

29 **420.286 Procedure.**

30 On the presentation of a petition signed by one-fourth of
31 the electors, as shown by the vote at the next preceding city
32 election, of any city acting under a special charter or act of
33 incorporation, to the governing body of the city, asking that
34 the question of the amendment of the special charter or act of
35 incorporation be submitted to the electors of such city, the

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

13 Sec. 106. Section 423A.7, subsection 4, paragraph f,
14 subparagraph (1), Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

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

26 Sec. 107. Section 423B.9, subsection 4, paragraph a,
27 subparagraph (1), Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

28 (1) A bond issuer may institute proceedings for the issuance
29 of bonds by causing a notice of the proposal to issue the
30 bonds, including a statement of the amount and purpose of
31 the bonds, together with the maximum rate of interest ~~which~~
32 that the bonds are to bear, and the right to petition for an
33 election, to be published at least ~~once in a newspaper of general~~
34 ~~circulation within the political subdivision or unincorporated~~
35 area as provided in chapter 618 at least ten days prior to the

1 meeting at which it is proposed to take action for the issuance
2 of the bonds.

3 Sec. 108. Section 423F.3, subsection 3, paragraph d, Code
4 2026, is amended to read as follows:

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

16 Sec. 109. Section 423F.3, subsection 7, paragraph a, Code
17 2026, is amended to read as follows:

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

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

21 Sec. 110. Section 423F.4, subsection 2, paragraph a, Code
22 2026, is amended to read as follows:

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

30 Sec. 111. Section 441.7, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended
31 to read as follows:

32 2. The director of revenue shall conduct no more than
33 one special examination for each vacancy in an assessing
34 jurisdiction. The examination shall be conducted by the director
35 of revenue as provided in section 441.5, except as otherwise

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

13 Sec. 112. Section 441.26, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended
14 to read as follows:

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

28 Sec. 113. Section 441.49, subsection 2, paragraph a,
29 unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

30 On or before October 8 the county auditor shall cause to
31 be published ~~in official newspapers of general circulation~~ as
32 provided in chapter 618 the final equalization order. The county
33 auditor shall also notify each property owner or taxpayer whose
34 valuation has been increased by the final equalization order by
35 mail postmarked on or before October 8. The publication and

1 the individual notice mailed to each property owner or taxpayer
2 whose valuation has been increased shall include, in type larger
3 than the remainder of the publication or notice, the following
4 statements:

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

13 Sec. 114. Section 446.9, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended
14 to read as follows:

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

33 Sec. 115. Section 447.10, Code 2026, is amended to read as
34 follows:

35 **447.10 Service by publication — fees.**

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

13 Sec. 116. Section 455B.305A, subsection 1, paragraph b, Code
14 2026, is amended to read as follows:

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

1 size of the development, the nature of the activity proposed,
2 the probable life of the proposed activity, and a description of
3 the right of persons to comment on the request. If two hundred
4 fifty or a minimum of twenty percent, whichever is less, of the
5 owners and residents of property notified submit a petition for
6 formal review to the county board of supervisors or if the county
7 board of supervisors, on the board's own motion, requires formal
8 review of the proposed siting, the private agency proposal is
9 subject to the formal siting procedures established pursuant to
10 this section.

11 Sec. 117. Section 455B.305A, subsection 3, paragraph b, Code
12 2026, is amended to read as follows:

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

21 Sec. 118. Section 455B.305A, subsection 5, Code 2026, is
22 amended to read as follows:

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

30 Sec. 119. Section 459.304, subsection 2, paragraph a,
31 subparagraph (1), Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

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

35 Sec. 120. Section 468.34, Code 2026, is amended to read as

1 follows:

2 **468.34 Advertisement for bids.**

3 The board shall publish notice once each week for two
4 consecutive weeks ~~in a newspaper published~~ as provided in chapter
5 618 in the county where the improvement is located, and publish
6 additional advertisement and publication elsewhere as the board
7 may direct. The notice shall state the time and place of letting
8 the work of construction of the improvement, specifying the
9 approximate amount of work to be done in each numbered section
10 of the district, the time fixed for the commencement, and the
11 time of the completion of the work, that bids will be received on
12 the entire work and in sections or divisions of it, and that a
13 bidder will be required to deposit a bid security with the county
14 auditor as provided in section 468.35. All notices shall set the
15 date that bids will be received and upon which the work will be
16 let. However, when the estimated cost of the improvement is less
17 than the adjusted competitive bid threshold, the board may let
18 the contract for the construction without taking bids and without
19 publishing notice.

20 Sec. 121. Section 468.82, Code 2026, is amended to read as
21 follows:

22 **468.82 Payment.**

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

31 Sec. 122. Section 468.257, subsection 3, Code 2026, is
32 amended to read as follows:

33 3. Except as otherwise required by section 468.16, the notice
34 required by this section shall be served by publication once ~~in~~
35 ~~a newspaper of general circulation~~ as provided in chapter 618 in

1 each county in which the overlying district's land is situated.
2 The publication shall be made not less than twenty days prior to
3 the day set for the hearing. Proof of service shall be made by
4 affidavit of the publisher.

5 Sec. 123. Section 468.507, Code 2026, is amended to read as
6 follows:

7 **468.507 Notice of election.**

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

18 Sec. 124. Section 618.1, Code 2026, is amended to read as
19 follows:

20 **618.1 Publications in English.**

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

29 2. A governmental entity may elect via local ordinance to
30 provide all notices, proceedings, and other matter whatsoever,
31 required by law or ordinance to be published for publication in a
32 newspaper should that government entity determine publication in
33 a print edition of a newspaper is in the best interests of its
34 constituents.

35 3. For purposes of this chapter, "governmental entity"

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

10 Sec. 125. Section 618.3, subsection 1, paragraph e,
11 subparagraph (2), Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

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

16 Sec. 126. Section 618.3, subsection 1, paragraphs f and g,
17 Code 2026, are amended to read as follows:

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

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

30 Sec. 127. Section 618.3, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended
31 to read as follows:

32 2. If no newspaper meeting the requirements of subsection 1,
33 paragraphs "a" through "d", is published in the jurisdiction of
34 a governmental entity, the governmental entity may satisfy public
35 notice requirements through publication ~~in a newspaper meeting~~

1 ~~the requirements of subsection 1, paragraphs "a" and "c", and on~~
2 the statewide public notice internet site established pursuant to
3 section 618.3A and on the governmental entity's official internet
4 site such that the notice is clearly identifiable and accessible,
5 if such an internet site exists.

6 Sec. 128. Section 618.11, Code 2026, is amended by adding the
7 following new subsections:

8 NEW SUBSECTION. 3. Notwithstanding section 618.3, subsection
9 1, paragraph "g", the compensation for publication on the
10 statewide public notice internet site established in section
11 618.3A shall be a rate determined by the department of
12 administrative services annually, not to exceed any reasonable
13 costs to maintain the statewide public notice internet site,
14 beginning June 1, 2027, and each June 1 thereafter, the director
15 of the department of administrative services shall publish this
16 rate as a notice in the Iowa administrative bulletin prior to the
17 first day of the following calendar month. The new rate shall
18 be effective on the first day of the calendar month following
19 its publication. The rate shall be calculated by applying the
20 percentage change in the consumer price index for all urban
21 consumers for the last available twelve-month period published
22 in the federal register by the federal department of labor,
23 bureau of labor statistics, to the existing rate as an increase
24 or decrease in the rate rounded to the nearest dollar. The
25 calculation and publication of the rate by the director of the
26 department of administrative services shall be exempt from the
27 provisions of chapters 17A and 25B.

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

32 EXPLANATION

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

35 This bill relates to local government including the approval

1 of policies or rules of subunits of political subdivisions by
2 ordinance and the posting of public notices.

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

15 DIVISION II. The bill requires a governmental entity, as
16 defined in the bill, to post a statutorily required public
17 notice, as defined in the bill, on the statewide public notice
18 internet site.

19 The bill amends sections throughout the Code that require the
20 publication of public notice to require the notice to be posted
21 consistent with the requirements of the bill.