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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the publication of certain public notices
2 by designated public entities, providing for fees, making
3 appropriations, and including effective date provisions.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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DIVISION I

PUBLIC NOTICE REQUIREMENTS

Section 1. NEW SECTION. **9.9 Public notice administration fund.**

1. A public notice administration fund is created in the state treasury under the control of the secretary of state. The fund is composed of moneys collected by the secretary pursuant to section 9J.2.

2. Moneys in the public notice administration fund are appropriated to the office of the secretary of state for the purpose of supporting the administration of chapter 9J.

3. Moneys in the public notice administration fund are not subject to section 8.33. Notwithstanding section 12C.7, subsection 2, interest or earnings on moneys in the public notice administration fund shall be credited to the fund.

4. Moneys in the public notice administration fund shall not exceed three hundred fifty thousand dollars.

Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. **9J.1 Definitions.**

For the purposes of this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

1. "Official internet site" means the internet site used by a public posting entity to conduct or communicate official business and information.

2. "Official social media account" means a social media account used by a public posting entity to conduct or communicate official business and information.

3. "Online portal" means the system established and maintained by the secretary of state pursuant to this chapter for public posting entities to post statutorily required public notices.

4. "Public posting entity" means the state of Iowa, a county, a city, a public school district, a private agency as defined in section 28E.2, or a public agency as defined in section 28E.2.

5. "Statutorily required public notice" means a notice required by the Iowa Code to be made available to members of the

1 public.

2 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. **9J.2 Online portal — statutorily**
3 **required public notices.**

4 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law other than section
5 9J.3 to the contrary, a public posting entity shall exclusively
6 post any statutorily required public notice as provided in this
7 chapter.

8 2. The secretary of state or the secretary of state's
9 designee shall establish and maintain an online portal through
10 which public posting entities shall post statutorily required
11 public notices.

12 3. The online portal shall be searchable by all of the
13 following categories:

14 a. County.

15 b. City.

16 c. School district.

17 d. Public notice type, including but not limited to meeting
18 notices, meeting minutes, elections, abandoned property, proposed
19 rulemaking, and proposed public project.

20 4. The secretary of state shall collect a fee of five dollars
21 from a public posting entity for each notice posted by the public
22 posting entity.

23 5. Moneys collected by the secretary of state pursuant
24 to this section shall be deposited in the public notice
25 administration fund created pursuant to section 9.9 up to the
26 amount specified in section 9.9, subsection 4. If the balance
27 in the public notice administration fund exceeds the amount
28 specified in section 9.9, subsection 4, moneys collected by the
29 secretary of state pursuant to this section shall be deposited in
30 the general fund of the state.

31 Sec. 4. NEW SECTION. **9J.3 Public posting entities —**
32 **responsibilities.**

33 1. Each statutorily required public notice posted pursuant to
34 this chapter shall be posted on a timely basis as required by the
35 law requiring the public notice and include all of the following:

1 a. All information necessary to satisfy the statutory
2 requirements of the specific public posting, including but not
3 limited to the purpose, date, location, and time of a public
4 meeting.

5 b. Current contact information of the public posting entity,
6 including a telephone number and email address, such that the
7 public may contact the public posting entity regarding the public
8 posting.

9 c. Instructions for submitting public comments, if
10 applicable.

11 2. A public posting entity is solely responsible for the
12 contents of its statutorily required public notice. Neither
13 the secretary of state nor the secretary of state's designee
14 is responsible for the content of a public posting entity's
15 statutorily required public notice. This includes but is not
16 limited to monitoring or verifying the accuracy of a public
17 posting entity's public notice.

18 3. A public posting entity shall maintain a statutorily
19 required public notice on the online portal for a period of five
20 years following the expiration of the statutorily required time
21 the posting was required to be available to the public. Nothing
22 in this section shall be construed to affect a posting entity's
23 requirements to keep a record of such statutorily required public
24 postings if another section requires such records be kept.

25 4. Notwithstanding section 9J.2, a public posting entity
26 shall post a physical copy of a statutorily required public
27 notice on a bulletin board or other prominent place which is
28 easily accessible to the public and clearly designated for that
29 purpose at the principal office of the public posting entity, or
30 if no such office exists, at the building in which the meeting is
31 to be held.

32 5. Nothing in this chapter shall affect the duty of a public
33 posting entity to make public use copies of statutorily required
34 public notices available to the public as otherwise required by
35 law.

1 6. Notwithstanding section 9J.2, subsection 1, a public
2 posting entity may publish a statutorily required public notice
3 on the online portal or as required by the 2026 Iowa Code for a
4 period of six months following the effective date of this Act.
5 This subsection is repealed effective July 1, 2027.

6 Sec. 5. NEW SECTION. **9J.4 Exceptions.**

7 This chapter does not apply to any of the following:

- 8 1. The office of the governor.
- 9 2. The general assembly.
- 10 3. A notice regarding any of the following:
 - 11 a. A rulemaking document posted pursuant to section 2B.5A.
 - 12 b. The interstate physical therapy licensure compact posted
13 pursuant to section 147C.1.
 - 14 c. The emergency medical services personnel licensure
15 interstate compact posted pursuant to section 147D.1.
 - 16 d. The occupational therapy licensure compact posted pursuant
17 to section 147E.1.
 - 18 e. The audiology and speech language pathology interstate
19 compact posted pursuant to section 147F.1.
 - 20 f. The dentist and dental hygienist posted pursuant to
21 section 147G.1.
 - 22 g. The professional counselors licensure compact posted
23 pursuant to section 147H.1.
 - 24 h. The social work licensure compact posted pursuant to
25 section 147I.1.
 - 26 i. The physician assistant licensure compact posted pursuant
27 to section 147J.1.
 - 28 j. The dietitian licensure compact posted pursuant to section
29 147K.1.
 - 30 k. The respiratory care interstate compact posted pursuant to
31 section 147L.1.
 - 32 l. Any other interstate licensure compact enacted before, on,
33 or after the effective date of this Act.
 - 34 m. The nurse and advanced practice registered nurse licensure
35 compacts posted pursuant to section 152E.1.

1 n. The interstate compact for juveniles posted pursuant to
2 section 232.173.

3 o. The vehicle equipment compacts posted pursuant to section
4 321D.1.

5 4. Notice required to be posted pursuant to chapter 17A.

6 5. Notice required to be posted pursuant to the Constitution
7 of the State of Iowa.

8 Sec. 6. NEW SECTION. **9J.5 Disputes — resolution.**

9 A dispute regarding the publication of a statutorily required
10 public notice shall be heard by the Iowa public information board
11 created pursuant to section 23.3 as a contested case proceeding
12 pursuant to chapter 17A. The Iowa public information board shall
13 award the prevailing party reasonable costs and attorney fees.

14 Sec. 7. NEW SECTION. **9J.6 Rules.**

15 The secretary of state may adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A
16 for the implementation of this chapter.

17 Sec. 8. NEW SECTION. **9J.7 Public notice changes —
18 notification.**

19 The legislative services agency shall place on the internet
20 site of the agency information regarding the requirements for the
21 posting of public notice pursuant to this chapter. This section
22 is repealed effective July 1, 2030.

23 Sec. 9. Section 445.5, subsection 1, Code 2026, is amended by
24 adding the following new paragraph:

25 NEW PARAGRAPH. i. Until July 1, 2030, information regarding
26 the requirements for the posting of public notice pursuant to
27 chapter 9J. This paragraph is repealed effective July 1, 2030.

28 DIVISION II

29 CONFORMING CHANGES

30 Sec. 10. Section 6B.2A, subsection 2, unnumbered paragraph 1,
31 Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

32 The acquiring agency shall cause a notice to be published
33 ~~once in a newspaper of general circulation in the county or city~~
34 ~~where the agricultural land is located. The notice shall be~~
35 ~~published as provided in chapter 9J~~ at least four but no more

1 than twenty days before the public hearing is held as referred
2 to in subsection 1. The published notice shall, at a minimum,
3 include the following information:

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

6 b. The chief judge or the judge's designee shall name a
7 chairperson from the persons selected and may appoint such
8 alternate members and chairpersons to the commission as are
9 deemed necessary and appropriate under the circumstances. A
10 person shall not be selected as a member or alternate member of
11 the compensation commission if the person possesses any interest
12 in the proceeding which would cause the person to render a
13 biased decision. The applicant shall mail a copy of the list
14 of commissioners and alternates appointed by the chief judge
15 by certified mail to the property owner at the owner's last
16 known address. The applicant shall also cause the list of
17 commissioners and alternates to be published once ~~in a newspaper~~
18 ~~of general circulation in the county~~ as provided in chapter 9J,
19 not less than four nor more than twenty days before the meeting
20 of the compensation commission to assess the damages. Service of
21 the list of commissioners and alternates by publication shall be
22 deemed complete on the day of publication. In lieu of mailing
23 and publishing the list of commissioners and alternates, the
24 applicant may cause the list to be served upon the owner of
25 the property in the manner provided by the Iowa rules of civil
26 procedure for the personal service of original notice. The list
27 of commissioners and alternates shall be mailed and published
28 or served, as above provided, prior to or contemporaneously with
29 service of the notice of assessment as provided in section 6B.8.

30 Sec. 12. Section 24.2A, subsection 4, paragraph b,
31 subparagraphs (1), (2), and (3), Code 2026, are amended to read
32 as follows:

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

1 ~~selected under chapter 349 as provided in chapter 9J.~~

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 with a~~
6 ~~population of two hundred or less, publication may be made by~~
7 ~~posting in 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~~
12 ~~a newspaper of general circulation in the school district as~~
13 ~~provided in chapter 9J.~~

14 Sec. 13. Section 24.9, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code 2026,
15 is amended to read as follows:

16 a. Each municipality shall file with the secretary or clerk
17 thereof the estimates required to be made in sections 24.3
18 through 24.8, at least twenty days before the date fixed by law
19 for certifying the same to the levying board and shall forthwith
20 fix a date for a hearing on the estimates, and shall publish such
21 estimates and any annual levies previously authorized as provided
22 in section 76.2, with a notice of the time when and the place
23 where such hearing shall be held not less than ten nor more than
24 twenty days before the hearing. ~~Provided that in municipalities~~
25 ~~of less than two hundred population such estimates and the~~
26 ~~notice of hearing shall be posted in three public places in the~~
27 ~~district in lieu of publication. For any other municipality~~
28 ~~such Such publication shall be in a newspaper published in the~~
29 ~~municipality, if any, if not, then in a newspaper of general~~
30 ~~circulation in the municipality as provided in chapter 9J.~~

31 Sec. 14. Section 26A.3, subsection 3, paragraph b, Code 2026,
32 is amended to read as follows:

33 b. The request for statements of qualifications shall be
34 posted not less than thirteen and not more than forty-five days
35 before the date for response in a relevant contractor plan room

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

16 Sec. 15. Section 26A.3, subsection 5, paragraph a,
17 subparagraph (1), Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

18 (1) The construction manager-at-risk shall prepare a request
19 for statements of qualifications. The request shall include
20 general information on the project site, project scope, schedule,
21 selection criteria, and the time and place for receipt of
22 statements of qualifications. The construction manager-at-risk
23 shall provide public notice of the request for statements of
24 qualifications in a relevant contractor plan room service with
25 statewide circulation, a relevant construction lead generating
26 service with statewide circulation, and ~~on an internet site~~
27 ~~sponsored by either a governmental entity or a statewide~~
28 ~~association that represents the governmental entity~~ as provided
29 in chapter 9J. The request for statements of qualifications shall
30 be posted not less than thirteen and not more than forty-five
31 days before the date for response.

32 Sec. 16. Section 28A.5, subsection 1, unnumbered paragraph 1,
33 Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

34 Upon petition of eligible electors of a metropolitan area
35 equal in number to at least ten percent of the persons who voted

1 in the last general election held in the metropolitan area for
2 the office of president of the United States or governor, the
3 governing body of the county shall adopt a resolution signifying
4 its intention to initiate the question of participating in
5 the creation of an authority and shall publish the resolution
6 at least once ~~in a newspaper of general circulation in the~~
7 ~~metropolitan area~~ as provided in chapter 9J giving notice of a
8 hearing to be held on the question of the metropolitan area's
9 entry into the authority. The resolution shall be published
10 at least fourteen days prior to the date of hearing, and shall
11 contain all of the following information:

12 Sec. 17. Section 28A.16, subsection 3, Code 2026, is amended
13 to read as follows:

14 3. The board shall set a time and place for a public hearing
15 on the budget before the final certification date and shall
16 publish notice of the hearing not less than ten nor more than
17 twenty days prior to the hearing ~~in one or more newspapers~~
18 ~~servicing the greater metropolitan area~~ as provided in chapter
19 9J. Proof of publication shall be filed with and preserved by the
20 treasurer.

21 Sec. 18. Section 28A.21, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended
22 to read as follows:

23 2. A proposed action of the board, and a proposed agreement
24 to acquire, shall be approved by the governing body of the owner
25 of the facilities. If the governing body of a county, city,
26 commission, or authority desires to sell, lease, lend, grant, or
27 convey to the authority a facility or any part of a facility, the
28 governing body shall adopt a resolution signifying its intention
29 to do so and shall publish the resolution at least one time
30 ~~in a newspaper of general circulation in the county and in a~~
31 ~~newspaper or newspapers, if necessary, of general circulation in~~
32 ~~the area served by the county, city, commission, or authority~~
33 as provided in chapter 9J giving notice of a hearing to be held
34 on the question of the sale, lease, loan, grant, or conveyance.
35 The resolution shall be published at least fourteen days prior

1 to the date of hearing. After the hearing and if in the
2 public interest, the county, city, commission, or authority shall
3 enact an ordinance authorizing the sale, lease, loan, grant, or
4 conveyance.

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

7 (1) If a contract is to be negotiated and awarded without
8 competitive bidding for the reason set forth in paragraph "c",
9 subparagraph (2), the port authority shall publish a notice
10 calling for technical proposals at least twice, with at least
11 seven days between publications, ~~in a newspaper of general~~
12 ~~circulation in the area of the port authority~~ as provided in
13 chapter 9J. After receipt of the technical proposals, the port
14 authority may negotiate with and award a contract for the
15 improvement to the person making the proposal considered to be
16 the most advantageous to the port authority.

17 Sec. 20. Section 37.4, Code 2026, is amended to read as
18 follows:

19 **37.4 Notice.**

20 Notice of the election shall be given by publication ~~in one~~
21 ~~newspaper published or having general circulation in the city as~~
22 ~~provided in section 362.3~~ as provided in chapter 9J. The notice
23 shall state the purpose of the memorial proposed as outlined in
24 section 37.18.

25 Sec. 21. Section 49.11, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended
26 to read as follows:

27 2. The board of supervisors or city council shall publish
28 notice of changes in the county or city precinct boundaries ~~in a~~
29 ~~newspaper of general circulation published in the county or city~~
30 as provided in chapter 9J once each week for three consecutive
31 weeks. The series of publications shall be made after the
32 changes in the precincts have been approved by the state
33 commissioner of elections. The last of the three publications
34 shall be made no later than thirty days before the next general
35 election. A map showing the new boundaries may be used. No

1 publication is necessary if no changes were made.

2 Sec. 22. Section 49.53, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended
3 to read as follows:

4 2. The notice shall be published ~~in at least one newspaper,~~
5 ~~as defined in section 618.3, which is published in the county or~~
6 ~~other political subdivision in which the election is to occur or,~~
7 ~~if no newspaper is published there, in at least one newspaper of~~
8 ~~substantial circulation in the county or political subdivision.~~
9 ~~For the general election or the primary election the foregoing~~
10 ~~notice shall be published in at least two newspapers published in~~
11 ~~the county. However, if there is only one newspaper published in~~
12 ~~the county, publication in one newspaper shall be sufficient as~~
13 ~~provided in chapter 9J.~~

14 Sec. 23. Section 69.2, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended to
15 read as follows:

16 2. If the status of an officeholder is in question, the
17 entity or officer responsible for making an appointment to
18 fill the vacancy shall decide whether a vacancy exists. The
19 appointing entity or officer may act upon its own motion.
20 If a petition signed by twenty-five registered voters of the
21 jurisdiction is received, the appointing entity or officer shall
22 convene within thirty days to consider whether a vacancy exists.
23 The appointing entity or officer shall publish notice as provided
24 in chapter 9J that a public hearing will be held to determine
25 whether a vacancy exists. The notice shall include the time
26 and place of the hearing and the name of the office and the
27 officeholder whose status is in question. The public hearing
28 shall be held not less than four nor more than fourteen days
29 after publication of the notice. The officer whose status is in
30 question shall be notified of the time and place of the hearing.
31 Notice shall be sent by certified mail and must be postmarked
32 at least fourteen days before the hearing. No later than seven
33 days after the public hearing, the appointing entity or officer
34 shall publish its decision. If the appointing entity or officer
35 decides that the office is vacant, the publication shall state

1 the date the vacancy occurred and what action will be taken to
2 fill the vacancy.

3 Sec. 24. Section 73A.12, Code 2026, is amended to read as
4 follows:

5 **73A.12 Issuance of bonds — notice.**

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

17 Sec. 25. Section 74A.7, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended
18 to read as follows:

19 2. The treasurer may offer the warrants for public sale at
20 par, by publishing notice of the sale for two consecutive weeks
21 ~~in a newspaper of general circulation in the jurisdiction of the~~
22 ~~school district issuing the warrants~~ as provided in chapter 9J,
23 giving not less than ten days' notice of the time and place of
24 the sale. The notice shall include a statement of the amount of
25 the warrants offered for sale.

26 Sec. 26. Section 75.2, Code 2026, is amended to read as
27 follows:

28 **75.2 Notice of sale.**

29 When public bonds are offered for sale, the official in charge
30 of the bond issue shall, by advertisement published at least
31 once, the last one of which shall be not less than four nor more
32 than twenty days before the sale ~~in a newspaper located in the~~
33 ~~county or a county contiguous to the place of sale~~ as provided
34 in chapter 9J, give notice of the time and place of sale of
35 the bonds, the amount to be offered for sale, and any further

1 information which the official deems pertinent.

2 Sec. 27. Section 80.39, subsection 1, Code 2026, is amended
3 to read as follows:

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

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

23 (1) Rules of a city board shall become effective upon
24 approval by the city council and publication ~~in a newspaper~~
25 ~~having general circulation in the city~~ as provided in chapter 9J.

26 (2) Rules of a county board shall become effective upon
27 approval by the county board of supervisors by a motion or
28 resolution as defined in section 331.101, subsection 13, and
29 publication ~~in a newspaper having general circulation in the~~
30 ~~county~~ as provided in chapter 9J.

31 (3) Rules of a district board shall become effective upon
32 approval by the district board and publication ~~in a newspaper~~
33 ~~having general circulation in the district~~ as provided in chapter
34 9J.

35 (4) Before approving any rule or regulation the local board

1 of health shall hold a public hearing on the proposed rule. Any
2 citizen may appear and be heard at the public hearing. A notice
3 of the public hearing, stating the time and place and the general
4 nature of the proposed rule or regulation shall be published in
5 ~~a newspaper having general circulation as provided in section~~
6 ~~331.305 in the area served by the local board of health chapter~~
7 9J.

8 Sec. 29. Section 145A.5, Code 2026, is amended to read as
9 follows:

10 **145A.5 Order of approval.**

11 When a plan is approved, the officials approving the plan
12 shall jointly issue an order of approval. The order shall
13 specify the area to be merged, the maximum rate of tax to
14 be levied for debt service and operation and maintenance of
15 the proposed area hospital in the portion of the merged area
16 within each political subdivision, the proposed location of the
17 hospital building, the estimated cost of the establishment of
18 the hospital, and any other details concerning the establishment
19 and operation of the hospital the officials deem pertinent. The
20 order shall be published ~~in one or more newspapers which have~~
21 ~~general circulation within the merged area as provided in chapter~~
22 9J once each week for three consecutive weeks, ~~but the newspapers~~
23 ~~selected need not be published in the merged area.~~ The published
24 order shall contain a notice to the residents of each subdivision
25 of the proposed merged area that if the residents fail to protest
26 as provided in this chapter, the order shall be deemed approved
27 upon the expiration of a sixty-day period following the date of
28 the last published notice.

29 Sec. 30. Section 161A.3, subsection 8, Code 2026, is amended
30 to read as follows:

31 8. "Due notice" means notice published at least twice, with
32 an interval of at least six days between the two publication
33 dates, ~~in a newspaper or other publication of general circulation~~
34 ~~within the appropriate area; or, if no such publication of~~
35 ~~general circulation be available, by posting at a reasonable~~

1 ~~number of conspicuous places within the appropriate area, such~~
2 ~~posting to include, where possible, posting at public places~~
3 ~~where it may be customary to post notices concerning county or~~
4 ~~municipal affairs generally as provided in chapter 9J.~~ At any
5 hearing held pursuant to such notice, at the time and place
6 designated in such notice, adjournment may be made from time
7 to time without the necessity of renewing such notice for such
8 adjourned dates.

9 Sec. 31. Section 161A.16, Code 2026, is amended to read as
10 follows:

11 **161A.16 Publication of notice.**

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

20 Sec. 32. Section 161A.45, Code 2026, is amended to read as
21 follows:

22 **161A.45 Submission of regulations to division — hearing.**

23 Regulations which the commissioners propose to adopt, amend,
24 or repeal shall be submitted to the division, in a form
25 prescribed by the division, for its approval. The division
26 may approve the regulations as submitted, or with amendments as
27 it deems necessary. The commissioners shall, after approval,
28 publish notice of hearing on the proposed regulations, as
29 approved, ~~in a newspaper of general circulation in the district~~
30 as provided in chapter 9J, setting a date and time not less
31 than ten nor more than thirty days after the publication when a
32 hearing on the proposed regulations will be held at a specified
33 place. The notice shall include the full text of the proposed
34 regulations or shall state that the proposed regulations are on
35 file and available for review at the office of the affected soil

1 and water conservation district.

2 Sec. 33. Section 173.14B, subsection 9, Code 2026, is amended
3 to read as follows:

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

15 Sec. 34. Section 174.17, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code
16 2026, is amended to read as follows:

17 a. A fair may institute proceedings for the issuance of bonds
18 by causing a notice of the proposal to issue the bonds to be
19 published at least once ~~in a newspaper of general circulation~~
20 ~~within the county~~ as provided in chapter 9J at least ten days
21 prior to the meeting at which the fair proposes to take action
22 for the issuance of the bonds. The notice shall include a
23 statement of the amount and purpose of the bonds, the maximum
24 rate of interest the bonds are to bear, and the right to petition
25 for an election.

26 Sec. 35. Section 182.3, subsection 1, Code 2026, is amended
27 to read as follows:

28 1. The secretary shall give notice of the referendum on the
29 question of whether to establish an Iowa sheep and wool promotion
30 board and to impose the assessment by publishing the notice for
31 a period of not less than five days ~~in at least one newspaper of~~
32 ~~general circulation in the state~~ as provided in chapter 9J. The
33 notice shall state the voting places, period of time for voting,
34 and other information deemed necessary by the secretary.

35 Sec. 36. Section 256.11, subsection 16, paragraph c, Code

1 2026, is amended to read as follows:

2 c. If the state board takes preliminary action to remove
3 an agency from the approved list published on the department's
4 internet site pursuant to paragraph "a", the department shall,
5 at least one year prior to removing the agency from the
6 approved list, notify the nonpublic schools participating in
7 the accreditation process offered by the agency of the state
8 board's intent to remove the accrediting agency from its approved
9 list of independent accrediting agencies. The notice shall
10 also be posted ~~on the department's internet site~~ as provided in
11 chapter 9J and shall contain the proposed date of removal. The
12 nonpublic school shall attain accreditation under this subsection
13 or subsections 1 through 12 not later than one year following the
14 date on which the state board removes the agency from its list of
15 independent accrediting agencies.

16 Sec. 37. Section 257.18, subsection 1, Code 2026, is amended
17 to read as follows:

18 1. An instructional support program that provides additional
19 funding for school districts is established. A board
20 of directors that wishes to consider participating in the
21 instructional support program shall hold a public hearing on
22 the question of participation. The board shall set forth its
23 proposal, including the method that will be used to fund the
24 program, in a resolution and shall publish the notice of the time
25 and place of a public hearing on the resolution. Notice of the
26 time and place of the public hearing shall be published not less
27 than ten nor more than twenty days before the public hearing ~~in~~
28 ~~a newspaper which is a newspaper of general circulation in the~~
29 ~~school district~~ as provided in chapter 9J. At the hearing, or
30 no later than thirty days after the date of the hearing, the
31 board shall take action to adopt a resolution to participate
32 in the instructional support program for a period not exceeding
33 five years or to direct the county commissioner of elections to
34 submit the question of participation in the program for a period
35 not exceeding ten years to the registered voters of the school

1 district at an election held on a date specified in section 39.2,
2 subsection 4, paragraph "c". If the board submits the question
3 at an election and a majority of those voting on the question
4 favors participation in the program, the board shall adopt a
5 resolution to participate and certify the results of the election
6 to the department of management.

7 Sec. 38. Section 257.31, subsection 5, paragraph o,
8 subparagraph (2), Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

9 (2) Prior to filing a request for supplemental aid or a
10 modified supplemental amount based on the grounds specified in
11 this paragraph, the board of directors shall hold a public
12 hearing on the issue and shall publish the notice of the time
13 and place of the public hearing. Notice of the time and place of
14 the public hearing shall be published not less than ten nor more
15 than twenty days before the public hearing ~~in a newspaper that~~
16 ~~is a newspaper of general circulation in the school district as~~
17 provided in chapter 9J.

18 Sec. 39. Section 257B.5, Code 2026, is amended to read as
19 follows:

20 **257B.5 Notice — sale.**

21 When the board of supervisors shall offer for sale
22 the sixteenth section or lands selected in lieu thereof,
23 or any portion of the same, or any part of the
24 five-hundred-thousand-acre grant, the county auditor shall give
25 at least forty days' notice, by written or printed notices posted
26 in five public places in the county, two of which shall be in
27 the township in which the land to be sold is situated, and also
28 publish a notice of said sale once each week for two weeks
29 preceding the same ~~in a newspaper published in the county as~~
30 provided in chapter 9J, describing the land to be sold and the
31 time and place of such sale. At such time and place, or at
32 such other time and place as the sale may be adjourned to, the
33 county auditor shall offer to the highest bidder, subject to
34 the provisions of this chapter, and sell, either for cash or
35 one-third cash and the balance on a credit not exceeding ten

1 years, with interest on the same at the rate of not less than
2 three and one-half percent per annum, to be paid at the office
3 of the county treasurer of said county on the first day of
4 January in each year, delinquent interest to bear the same rate
5 as the principal. Such county treasurer shall pay to the state
6 treasurer on the first day of February all interest collected.

7 Sec. 40. Section 260C.14, subsection 12, Code 2026, is
8 amended to read as follows:

9 12. During the second week of August of each year, publish ~~by~~
10 ~~one insertion in at least one newspaper published in the merged~~
11 ~~area as provided in chapter 9J~~ a summarized statement verified
12 by affidavit of the secretary of the board showing the receipts
13 and disbursements of all funds of the community college for the
14 preceding fiscal year. The statement of disbursements shall
15 show the names of the persons, firms, or corporations, and the
16 total amount paid to each during the fiscal year. The board is
17 not required to make the publications and notices required under
18 sections 279.35 and 279.36.

19 Sec. 41. Section 261A.25, Code 2026, is amended to read as
20 follows:

21 **261A.25 Notice.**

22 The authority shall publish a notice of its intention
23 to issue obligations ~~in a newspaper published in and with~~
24 ~~general circulation in the state as provided in chapter 9J.~~
25 The notice shall include a statement of the maximum amount
26 of obligations proposed to be issued, and in general terms,
27 what receipts will be pledged to pay bond service charges on
28 the obligations. An action which questions the legality or
29 validity of the obligations or the power of the authority to
30 issue the obligations or the effectiveness or validity of any
31 proceedings adopted for the authorization or issuance of the
32 obligations shall not be brought after sixty days from the date
33 of publication of the notice.

34 Sec. 42. Section 273.8, subsection 2, paragraph a, Code 2026,
35 is amended to read as follows:

1 a. Notice of the election shall be published by the area
2 education agency administrator not later than September 15 of
3 the odd-numbered year ~~in at least one newspaper of general~~
4 ~~circulation in the director district~~ as provided in chapter 9J.
5 The cost of publication shall be paid by the area education
6 agency.

7 Sec. 43. Section 273.8, subsection 3, Code 2026, is amended
8 to read as follows:

9 3. *Director district convention.* If no candidate files with
10 the area education agency secretary by the deadline specified in
11 subsection 2, or a vacancy occurs, or if otherwise required as
12 provided in section 273.23, subsection 3, a director district
13 convention, attended by members of the boards of directors
14 of the local school districts located within the director
15 district, shall be called to elect a board member described in
16 subsection 1, paragraph "b", for that director district. The
17 convention location shall be determined by the area education
18 agency administrator. Notice of the time, date, and place
19 of a director district convention shall be published by the
20 area education agency administrator ~~in at least one newspaper~~
21 ~~of general circulation in the director district~~ as provided
22 in chapter 9J at least thirty days prior to the day of the
23 convention. The cost of publication shall be paid by the area
24 education agency. A candidate for election to the area education
25 agency board shall file a statement of candidacy with the area
26 education agency secretary at least ten days prior to the date
27 of the director district convention on forms prescribed by the
28 department of education, or nominations may be made at the
29 convention by a delegate from a board of directors of a school
30 district located within the director district. A statement of
31 candidacy shall include the candidate's name, address, and school
32 district. Delegates to director district conventions shall not
33 be bound by a school board or any school board member to pledge
34 their votes to any candidate prior to the date of the convention.

35 Sec. 44. Section 273.27, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code

1 2026, is amended to read as follows:

2 a. Within ten days following the filing of the dissolution
3 proposal with the affected area education agency board, the
4 affected board shall fix a date for a hearing on the proposal,
5 which shall not be more than sixty days after the dissolution
6 petition was filed with the affected board. The affected board
7 shall publish notice of the date, time, and location of the
8 hearing at least ten days prior to the date of the hearing by
9 one publication ~~in a newspaper in general circulation in the area~~
10 as provided in chapter 9J. The notice shall include the contents
11 of the dissolution proposal.

12 Sec. 45. Section 275.14, subsection 1, Code 2026, is amended
13 to read as follows:

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

1 petitioned for and shall be on file not later than 12:00 noon of
2 the final day fixed for filing objections.

3 Sec. 46. Section 275.15, subsection 4, Code 2026, is amended
4 to read as follows:

5 4. The administrator shall at once publish the decision
6 ~~in the same newspaper as provided in chapter 9J in the same~~
7 manner in which the original notice was published. Within
8 twenty days after the publication, the decision rendered by the
9 area education agency board may be appealed to the district
10 court in the county involved by any school district affected.
11 For purposes of appeal, only those school districts who filed
12 reorganization petitions are school districts affected. An
13 appeal from a decision of an area education agency board or joint
14 area education agency boards under section 275.4, 275.16, or this
15 section is subject to appeal procedures under this chapter and is
16 not subject to appeal under chapter 290.

17 Sec. 47. Section 275.16, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended
18 to read as follows:

19 2. Votes of each member of an area education agency board
20 in attendance shall be weighted so that the total number of
21 votes eligible to be cast by members of each board in attendance
22 shall be equal. However, if the joint boards cast a tie vote
23 and are unable to agree to a decision fixing the boundaries
24 for the proposed school corporation or to a decision to dismiss
25 the petition, the time during which actions must be taken under
26 section 275.15 shall be extended from ten days to fifteen days
27 after the conclusion of the hearing under section 275.15, and
28 the joint board shall reconvene not less than ten and not more
29 than fifteen days after the conclusion of the hearing. At the
30 hearing the joint board shall reconsider its action and if a tie
31 vote is again cast it is a decision granting the petition and
32 changing the plans of any and all of the agency boards affected
33 by the petition and fixing the boundaries for the proposed school
34 corporation. The agency administrator shall at once publish the
35 decision ~~in the same newspaper~~ as provided in chapter 9J in the

1 same manner in which the original notice was published.

2 Sec. 48. Section 275.18, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended
3 to read as follows:

4 2. The county commissioner of elections shall give notice of
5 the election by one publication ~~in the same newspaper~~ as provided
6 in chapter 9J in the same manner in which previous notices
7 have been published regarding the proposed school reorganization,
8 and in addition, if more than one county is involved, by one
9 publication ~~in a legal newspaper~~ as provided in chapter 9J in
10 each county other than that of the first publication. The
11 publication shall be not less than four nor more than twenty days
12 prior to the election. If the decision published pursuant to
13 section 275.15 or 275.16 includes a description of the proposed
14 school corporation and a description of the director districts,
15 if any, the notice for election and the ballot do not need to
16 include these descriptions. Notice for an election shall not be
17 published until the expiration of time for appeal, which shall be
18 the same as that provided in section 275.15 or 275.16, whichever
19 is applicable; and if there is an appeal, not until the appeal
20 has been disposed of.

21 Sec. 49. Section 275.54, subsection 1, Code 2026, is amended
22 to read as follows:

23 1. Within ten days following the filing of the dissolution
24 proposal with the board, the board shall fix a date for a hearing
25 on the proposal which shall not be more than sixty days after
26 the dissolution petition was filed with the board. The board
27 shall publish notice of the date, time, and location of the
28 hearing at least ten days prior to the date of the hearing by
29 one publication ~~in a newspaper in general circulation in the~~
30 ~~district~~ as provided in chapter 9J. The notice shall include the
31 content of the dissolution proposal. A person residing or owning
32 land in the school district may present evidence and arguments
33 at the hearing. The president of the board shall preside at the
34 hearing. The board shall review testimony from the hearing and
35 shall adopt or amend and adopt the dissolution proposal.

1 Sec. 50. Section 275.55, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended
2 to read as follows:

3 2. The board shall give written notice of the election to
4 the county commissioner of elections. The county commissioner of
5 elections shall give notice of the election by one publication ~~in~~
6 ~~the same newspaper~~ as provided in chapter 9J in the same manner
7 in which the previous notice was published about the hearing,
8 which publication shall not be less than four nor more than
9 twenty days prior to the election.

10 Sec. 51. Section 279.36, Code 2026, is amended to read as
11 follows:

12 **279.36 Publication procedures and fee.**

13 ~~1.~~ The requirements of section 279.35 are satisfied by
14 publication ~~in at least one newspaper published in the district~~
15 ~~or, if there is none, in at least one newspaper having general~~
16 ~~circulation within the district~~ as provided in chapter 9J.

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

20 Sec. 52. Section 303.44, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2026,
21 is amended to read as follows:

22 The board of supervisors to whom the petition is addressed,
23 at its next regular, special, or adjourned meeting, shall set
24 the time and place when it will meet for a hearing upon the
25 petition, and direct the county auditor in whose office the
26 petition is filed to cause notice to be given to all persons whom
27 it may concern, without naming them, of the pendency and prayer
28 of the petition, by publication of a notice once each week for
29 two consecutive weeks ~~in some newspaper of general circulation~~
30 published as provided in chapter 9J in the proposed district.
31 The last publication shall not be less than twenty days prior
32 to the date set for the hearing of the petition. ~~If no such~~
33 ~~newspaper is published in the proposed district, then notice~~
34 ~~shall be by posting at least five copies of the notice in the~~
35 ~~proposed district at least twenty days before the hearing.~~ Proof

1 of giving notice shall be made by affidavit of the publisher or
2 affidavit of the person who posted the notices, and the proof
3 shall be on file with the county auditor at the time the hearing
4 begins. The notice of hearing shall be directed to all persons
5 it may concern, and shall state the following:

6 Sec. 53. Section 303.46, Code 2026, is amended to read as
7 follows:

8 **303.46 Notice of election.**

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

28 Sec. 54. Section 303.52, subsection 3, Code 2026, is amended
29 to read as follows:

30 3. The board of trustees shall provide for the manner in
31 which the land use plan shall be established and enforced and
32 amended, supplemented, or changed. However, a plan shall not
33 become effective until after a public hearing on it, at which
34 parties in interest and citizens of the district shall have
35 an opportunity to be heard. At least fifteen days' notice

1 of the time and place of the hearing shall be published ~~in a~~
2 ~~newspaper of general circulation~~ as provided in chapter 9J within
3 the district giving the time, date, and location of the public
4 hearing.

5 Sec. 55. Section 306.12, Code 2026, is amended to read as
6 follows:

7 **306.12 Notice — service.**

8 Notice of the hearing under section 306.11 shall be published
9 ~~in a newspaper of general circulation~~ as provided in chapter
10 9J in the county or counties where the road is located, not
11 less than four nor more than twenty days prior to the date
12 of hearing. The agency which is holding the hearing shall
13 notify all adjoining property owners, all utility companies
14 whose facilities adjoin the road right-of-way or are on the
15 road right-of-way, and the department, boards of supervisors, or
16 agency in control of affected state lands, of the time and place
17 of the hearing, by certified mail.

18 Sec. 56. Section 309.96, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended
19 to read as follows:

20 2. In the event that a county secondary road budget or
21 amended budget thereto is disapproved by the department, the
22 county may elect either to revise such budget or amended budget
23 so as to receive approval or the county may elect to operate
24 with such disapproved budget or amended budget. In the event the
25 county secondary road budget is disapproved in whole or in part,
26 within twenty days after receipt of the department's report, the
27 board of supervisors shall cause to be published ~~in the official~~
28 ~~newspapers of the county~~ as provided in chapter 9J, notice of a
29 public hearing to be held within ten days of said publication, on
30 the department's recommendations, and at said hearing the board
31 of supervisors shall amend or adopt their original budget.

32 Sec. 57. Section 321.89, subsection 3, paragraph g, Code
33 2026, is amended to read as follows:

34 g. If it is impossible to determine with reasonable certainty
35 the identities and addresses of the last registered owner and

1 all lienholders, notice by one publication ~~in one newspaper of~~
2 ~~general circulation in the area where the vehicle was abandoned~~
3 as provided in chapter 9J shall be sufficient to meet all
4 requirements of notice under this section. The published notice
5 may contain multiple listings of abandoned vehicles but shall be
6 published within the same time requirements and contain the same
7 information as prescribed for mailed notice in this subsection.

8 Sec. 58. Section 321.236, subsection 13, paragraph b, Code
9 2026, is amended to read as follows:

10 b. Before establishing a rural residence district, the board
11 of supervisors shall hold a public hearing on the proposal,
12 notice of which shall be published ~~in a newspaper having a~~
13 general circulation as provided in chapter 9J in the area where
14 the proposed district is located at least twenty days before the
15 date of hearing. The notice shall state the time and place of
16 the hearing, the proposed location of the district, and other
17 data considered pertinent by the board of supervisors.

18 Sec. 59. Section 330A.6, subsection 1, unnumbered paragraph
19 1, Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

20 Whenever the governing body of any municipality shall desire
21 to participate in the creation of an authority it shall adopt a
22 resolution signifying its intention to do so and shall publish
23 said resolution at least one time ~~in a newspaper of general~~
24 circulation as provided in chapter 9J in such municipality
25 giving notice of a hearing to be held on the question of the
26 municipality's entry into such authority. Such resolution shall
27 be published at least fourteen days prior to the date of hearing,
28 and shall contain therein the following information:

29 Sec. 60. Section 330A.7, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended
30 to read as follows:

31 2. A municipality wishing to withdraw from or to become a
32 member of an existing authority shall signify its intention by
33 resolution and shall publish the resolution at least one time
34 ~~in a newspaper of general circulation as provided in chapter~~
35 9J in the municipality giving notice of a hearing to be held

1 on the question of withdrawing or joining and its intention to
2 withdraw or join. The resolution shall be published at least
3 fourteen days prior to the date of the hearing. A withdrawing
4 municipality shall state in the resolution how it intends to pay
5 its portion of the outstanding obligations of the authority, if
6 any. A joining municipality shall state in the resolution the
7 information required in section 330A.6. A copy of the resolution
8 shall be certified to the authority by the municipality at least
9 fourteen days in advance of the hearing. The board shall by
10 resolution indicate whether a satisfactory provision has been
11 made for the payment of the outstanding obligations of the
12 authority, as required under subsection 1. After the hearing
13 and if the outstanding obligations of the authority have been
14 adequately provided for by the municipality, the municipality may
15 enact an ordinance to withdraw from or join the authority.

16 Sec. 61. Section 330A.11, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended
17 to read as follows:

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

1 sale, lease, loan, grant, or conveyance.

2 Sec. 62. Section 331.207, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended
3 to read as follows:

4 2. The petition shall be filed with the county commissioner
5 by June 1 of an odd-numbered year, subject to subsection 7.
6 The special election shall be held on the first Tuesday after
7 the first Monday in November of the odd-numbered year. Notice
8 of the special election shall be published once each week for
9 three successive weeks ~~in an official newspaper of the county as~~
10 provided in chapter 9J, shall state the representation plans to
11 be submitted to the electors, and shall state the date of the
12 special election. The last in the series of publications shall
13 occur not less than four nor more than twenty days before the
14 election.

15 Sec. 63. Section 331.302, subsection 8, Code 2026, is amended
16 to read as follows:

17 8. A resolution becomes effective upon passage and an
18 ordinance or amendment becomes a law when a summary of the
19 ordinance or the complete text of the ordinance is published
20 as provided in chapter 9J, unless a subsequent effective date
21 is provided within the measure. As used in this subsection,
22 "summary" shall mean a narrative description of the terms and
23 conditions of an ordinance setting forth the main points of the
24 ordinance in a manner calculated to inform the public in a clear
25 and understandable manner the meaning of the ordinance and which
26 shall provide the public with sufficient notice to conform to the
27 desired conduct required by the ordinance. The description shall
28 include the title of the ordinance, an accurate and intelligible
29 abstract or synopsis of the essential elements of the ordinance,
30 a statement that the description is a summary, the location and
31 the normal business hours of the office where the ordinance may
32 be inspected, when the ordinance becomes effective, and the full
33 text of any provisions imposing fines, penalties, forfeitures,
34 fees, or taxes. Legal descriptions of property set forth in
35 ordinances shall be described in full, provided that maps or

1 charts may be substituted for legal descriptions when they
2 contain sufficient detail to clearly define the area with which
3 the ordinance is concerned. The narrative description shall be
4 written in a clear and coherent manner and shall, to the extent
5 possible, avoid the use of technical or legal terms not generally
6 familiar to the public. When necessary to use technical or
7 legal terms not generally familiar to the public, the narrative
8 description shall include definitions of those terms.

9 Sec. 64. Section 331.305, subsection 1, Code 2026, is amended
10 to read as follows:

11 1. Unless otherwise provided by state law, if notice of an
12 election, hearing, or other official action is required by this
13 chapter, the board shall publish the notice ~~at least once, not~~
14 ~~less than four nor more than twenty days before the date of the~~
15 ~~election, hearing, or other action, in one or more newspapers~~
16 ~~which meet the requirements of section 618.14 as provided in~~
17 chapter 9J. Notice of an election shall also comply with section
18 49.53.

19 Sec. 65. Section 331.385, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended
20 to read as follows:

21 2. The board of supervisors shall publish notice of the
22 proposed resolution, and of a public hearing to be held on the
23 proposed resolution, ~~in a newspaper of general circulation as~~
24 provided in chapter 9J in the county at least ten days but no
25 more than twenty days before the date of the public hearing.
26 If, after notice and hearing, the resolution is adopted, the
27 board of supervisors shall assume the exercise of the powers and
28 duties of township trustees relating to fire protection service
29 and emergency medical service as set forth in sections 359.42
30 through 359.45.

31 Sec. 66. Section 331.425, subsection 5, Code 2026, is amended
32 to read as follows:

33 5. Notice of the proposed special levy election shall be
34 published at least twice ~~in a newspaper as specified in section~~
35 331.305 as provided in chapter 9J prior to the date of the

1 special levy election. The first notice shall appear as early as
2 practicable after the board has decided to seek a special levy.

3 Sec. 67. Section 331.434, subsections 3 and 6, Code 2026, are
4 amended to read as follows:

5 3. Following, and not until, the requirements of section
6 24.2A are completed, the board shall set a time and place for
7 a public hearing on the budget before the final certification
8 date and shall publish notice of the hearing not less than
9 ten nor more than twenty days prior to the hearing ~~in the~~
10 ~~county newspapers selected under chapter 349 as provided in~~
11 chapter 9J. A summary of the proposed budget and a description
12 of the procedure for protesting the county budget under section
13 331.436, in the form prescribed by the director of the department
14 of management, shall be included in the notice. Proof of
15 publication of the notice under this subsection 3 shall be
16 filed with and preserved by the county auditor. A levy is not
17 valid unless and until the notice is published and individual
18 statements under section 24.2A are mailed. The department of
19 management shall prescribe the form for the public hearing notice
20 for use by counties.

21 6. The board shall appropriate, by resolution, the amounts
22 deemed necessary for each of the different county officers
23 and departments during the ensuing fiscal year. Increases
24 or decreases in these appropriations do not require a budget
25 amendment, but may be provided by resolution at a regular meeting
26 of the board, as long as each class of proposed expenditures
27 contained in the budget summary published under subsection
28 3 of this section is not increased. However, decreases in
29 appropriations for a county officer or department of more than
30 ten percent or five thousand dollars, whichever is greater, shall
31 not be effective unless the board sets a time and place for a
32 public hearing on the proposed decrease and publishes notice of
33 the hearing not less than ten nor more than twenty days prior to
34 the hearing ~~in the county newspapers selected under chapter 349~~
35 as provided in chapter 9J.

1 Sec. 68. Section 331.443, subsection 3, paragraph a, Code
2 2026, is amended to read as follows:

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

15 Sec. 69. Section 341A.6, subsection 6, Code 2026, is amended
16 to read as follows:

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

28 Sec. 70. Section 346.27, subsection 10, paragraph b, Code
29 2026, is amended to read as follows:

30 b. In addition to the notice required by section 49.53, a
31 notice of the election shall be published once each week for
32 at least two weeks ~~in some newspaper published in the county~~
33 as provided in chapter 9J stating the date of the election, the
34 hours the polls will be open, and a copy of the question. The
35 authority shall call this election with the concurrence of both

1 incorporating units. The election shall be conducted by the
2 commissioner in accordance with the provisions of chapters 49 and
3 50.

4 Sec. 71. Section 347.7, subsection 4, paragraph a, Code 2026,
5 is amended to read as follows:

6 a. The tax levy authorized by this section for operation and
7 maintenance of the hospital may be available in whole or in
8 part to any county with or without a county hospital organized
9 under this chapter, to be used to enhance rural health services
10 in the county. However, the tax levied may be expended for
11 enhancement of rural health care services only following a
12 local planning process. The department of health and human
13 services shall establish guidelines to be followed by counties
14 in implementing the local planning process which shall require
15 legal notice, public hearings, and a referendum in accordance
16 with this subsection prior to the authorization of any new levy
17 or a change in the use of a levy. The notice shall describe
18 the new levy or the change in the use of the levy, indicate the
19 date and location of the hearing, and shall be published at least
20 once each week for two consecutive weeks ~~in a newspaper having~~
21 general circulation as provided in chapter 9J in the county. The
22 hearing shall not take place prior to two weeks after the second
23 publication.

24 Sec. 72. Section 349.16, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2026,
25 is amended to read as follows:

26 There shall be published as provided in chapter 9J and in each
27 of the official newspapers at the expense of the county during
28 the ensuing year:

29 Sec. 73. Section 349.18, subsection 3, paragraph b, Code
30 2026, is amended to read as follows:

31 b. In addition to the requirements in paragraph "a", ~~if a~~
32 ~~county operates an internet site~~, the county auditor shall post
33 the full text of all resolutions adopted by the board ~~on the~~
34 ~~internet site~~ as provided in chapter 9J. Any posted summary or
35 text of a full resolution shall include links directing readers

1 to information relevant to the content of the resolution.

2 Sec. 74. Section 352.7, subsection 1, Code 2026, is amended
3 to read as follows:

4 1. Within thirty days of receipt of a proposal to create
5 or expand an agricultural area which meets the statutory
6 requirements, the county board shall provide notice of the
7 proposal by publishing notice ~~in a newspaper of general~~
8 circulation as provided in chapter 9J in the county. Within
9 forty-five days after receipt of the proposal, the county board
10 shall hold a public hearing on the proposal.

11 Sec. 75. Section 357A.6, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended
12 to read as follows:

13 2. If the supervisors find that required notice of the
14 hearing has been given and that the proposed district is
15 reasonably necessary for the public health, convenience, and
16 comfort of the residents, or may be of benefit in providing fire
17 protection, they shall make an order establishing the district as
18 a political subdivision, designating the district's boundary, and
19 identifying the district by name or number. The order shall be
20 published as provided in chapter 9J in the same newspaper manner
21 in which published the notice of hearing was published. The
22 supervisors shall prepare and preserve a complete record of the
23 hearing on the petition and their findings and action.

24 Sec. 76. Section 357A.11, subsection 13, paragraph b, Code
25 2026, is amended to read as follows:

26 b. Prior to such sale, conveyance, merger, or disposition
27 by the board that includes the relinquishment of the district's
28 right to provide service to an area, the board shall publish
29 notice of a public hearing not less than four nor more than
30 twenty days before the date fixed for the hearing ~~in a newspaper~~
31 of general circulation as provided in chapter 9J in the area
32 for which the board seeks to relinquish service. The board
33 shall mail notice of a public hearing to the district's members
34 in the area for which the board seeks to relinquish service
35 not less than fourteen days prior to such public hearing. A

1 public hearing is not required when the board relinquishes the
2 district's right to service an area within the corporate limits
3 of a city if the city will provide service in compliance with the
4 city's annexation plan.

5 Sec. 77. Section 357A.24, subsection 4, paragraph b, Code
6 2026, is amended to read as follows:

7 b. The order shall be published as provided in chapter 9J in
8 the same newspaper manner in which published the notice of the
9 hearing was published.

10 Sec. 78. Section 357B.18, Code 2026, is amended to read as
11 follows:

12 **357B.18 Detachment of land from district.**

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

32 Sec. 79. Section 358.40, subsections 3 and 4, Code 2026, are
33 amended to read as follows:

34 3. The board shall examine the petition at its next meeting
35 after its filing or within twenty days of the filing, whichever

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

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

35 Sec. 80. Section 359.52, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code

1 2026, is amended to read as follows:

2 a. The board of trustees shall set forth its proposal in a
3 resolution and shall publish notice of the resolution and of a
4 date, time, and place of a public hearing on the proposal. The
5 notice shall be published ~~in a newspaper published at least once~~
6 ~~weekly and having general circulation in the township or in the~~
7 ~~largest city in the township~~ as provided in chapter 9J. The
8 notice shall be published no less than ten days and no more than
9 twenty days before the hearing.

10 Sec. 81. Section 362.3, subsection 1, paragraph b, Code 2026,
11 is amended to read as follows:

12 b. A publication required by the city code must be ~~in a~~
13 ~~newspaper published at least once weekly and having general~~
14 ~~circulation in the city. However, if the city has a population~~
15 ~~of two hundred or less, or in the case of ordinances and~~
16 ~~amendments to be published in a city in which no newspaper is~~
17 ~~published, a publication may be made by posting in three public~~
18 ~~places in the city which have been permanently designated by~~
19 ~~ordinance published as provided in chapter 9J.~~

20 Sec. 82. Section 362.3, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended
21 by striking the subsection.

22 Sec. 83. Section 364.2, subsection 4, paragraph c, Code 2026,
23 is amended to read as follows:

24 c. Notice of the election shall be given by publication as
25 prescribed in section 49.53 ~~in a newspaper of general circulation~~
26 ~~in the city and chapter 9J.~~

27 Sec. 84. Section 364.4, subsection 4, paragraph e,
28 subparagraph (2), subparagraph division (a), Code 2026, is
29 amended to read as follows:

30 (a) The governing body must institute proceedings to enter
31 into a lease or lease-purchase contract payable from the general
32 fund by causing a notice of the meeting to discuss entering into
33 the lease or lease-purchase contract, including a statement of
34 the principal amount and purpose of the lease or lease-purchase
35 contract and the right to petition for an election, to be

1 published at least once ~~in a newspaper of general circulation as~~
2 provided in chapter 9J within the city at least ten days prior
3 to the discussion meeting. No sooner than thirty days following
4 the discussion meeting shall the governing body hold a meeting at
5 which it is proposed to take action to enter into the lease or
6 lease-purchase contract.

7 Sec. 85. Section 368.4, Code 2026, is amended to read as
8 follows:

9 **368.4 Annexing moratorium.**

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

32 Sec. 86. Section 368.7, subsection 1, paragraph d, Code 2026,
33 is amended to read as follows:

34 d. The city shall provide for a public hearing on the
35 application before approving or denying it. The city shall

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

20 Sec. 87. Section 368.7, subsections 2 and 3, Code 2026, are
21 amended to read as follows:

22 2. An application for annexation of territory not within
23 an urbanized area of a city other than the city to which the
24 annexation is directed must be approved by resolution of the
25 council which receives the application. The city council shall
26 mail a copy of the application by certified mail to the board
27 of supervisors of each county which contains a portion of the
28 territory at least fourteen business days prior to any action
29 taken by the city council on the application. The council
30 shall also publish notice of the application ~~in an official~~
31 ~~county newspaper in each county which contains a portion of~~
32 ~~the territory~~ as provided in chapter 9J at least fourteen days
33 prior to any action taken by the council on the application.
34 Upon receiving approval of the council, the city clerk shall
35 file a copy of the resolution, map, and legal description of

1 the territory involved with the secretary of state, the county
2 board of supervisors of each county which contains a portion
3 of the territory, each affected public utility, and the state
4 department of transportation. The city clerk shall also record
5 a copy of the legal description, map, and resolution with the
6 county recorder of each county which contains a portion of
7 the territory. The secretary of state shall not accept and
8 acknowledge a copy of a legal description, map, and resolution
9 of annexation which would create an island. The annexation is
10 completed upon acknowledgment by the secretary of state that the
11 secretary of state has received the legal description, map, and
12 resolution.

13 3. An application for annexation of territory within an
14 urbanized area of a city other than the city to which the
15 annexation is directed must be approved both by resolution of the
16 council which receives the application and by the board. The
17 board shall not approve an application which creates an island.
18 Notice of the application shall be mailed by certified mail, by
19 the city to which the annexation is directed, at least fourteen
20 business days prior to any action by the city council on the
21 application to the council of each city whose boundary adjoins
22 the territory or is within two miles of the territory, to the
23 board of supervisors of each county which contains a portion of
24 the territory, each affected public utility, and to the regional
25 planning authority of the territory. Notice of the application
26 shall be published ~~in an official county newspaper in each county~~
27 ~~which contains a portion of the territory~~ as provided in chapter
28 9J at least ten business days prior to any action by the city
29 council on the application. The annexation is completed when
30 the board has filed and recorded copies of applicable portions
31 of the proceedings as required by section 368.20, subsection 1,
32 paragraph "b".

33 Sec. 88. Section 368.11, subsection 5, Code 2026, is amended
34 to read as follows:

35 5. Before a petition for involuntary annexation may be filed,

1 the petitioner shall hold a public meeting on the petition.
2 Notice of the meeting shall be published ~~in an official county~~
3 ~~newspaper~~ as provided in chapter 9J in each county which contains
4 a part of the territory at least five days before the date of
5 the public meeting. The mayor of the city proposing to annex the
6 territory, or that person's designee, shall serve as chairperson
7 of the public meeting. The city clerk of the same city or the
8 city clerk's designee shall record the proceedings of the public
9 meeting. Any person attending the meeting may submit written
10 comments and may be heard on the petition. The minutes of the
11 public meeting and all documents submitted at the public meeting
12 shall be forwarded to the county board of supervisors of each
13 county where the territory is located and to the board by the
14 chairperson of the meeting.

15 Sec. 89. Section 373.4, subsection 1, Code 2026, is amended
16 to read as follows:

17 1. Within sixty days after its organization, the commission
18 shall hold at least one public hearing for the purpose of
19 receiving information and material which will assist in the
20 drafting of a charter. Notice of the date, time, and place of
21 the hearing shall be published ~~in the official county newspapers~~
22 ~~of~~ as provided in chapter 9J in each county in which the
23 participating cities are located.

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

26 3. Following, and not until, completion of requirements of
27 section 24.2A, the council shall set a time and place for public
28 hearing on the budget before the final certification date and
29 shall publish notice of the hearing ~~pursuant to section 362.3 in~~
30 ~~a newspaper published at least once weekly and having general~~
31 ~~circulation in the city. However, if the city has a population~~
32 ~~of two hundred or less, publication may be made by posting in~~
33 ~~three public places in the city~~ as provided in chapter 9J. A
34 summary of the proposed budget and a description of the procedure
35 for protesting the city budget under section 384.19, in the form

1 prescribed by the director of the department of management, shall
2 be included in the notice. Proof of publication of the notice
3 under this subsection 3 must be filed with the county auditor.
4 The department of management shall prescribe the form for the
5 public hearing notice for use by cities.

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

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

19 Sec. 92. Section 384.25, subsection 3, paragraph a, Code
20 2026, is amended to read as follows:

21 a. Notwithstanding subsection 2, a council may institute
22 proceedings for the issuance of bonds for an essential corporate
23 purpose specified in section 384.24, subsection 3, paragraph "w"
24 or "x", in an amount equal to or greater than three million
25 dollars by causing a notice of the proposal to issue the bonds,
26 including a statement of the amount and purpose of the bonds,
27 together with the maximum rate of interest which the bonds are to
28 bear, and the right to petition for an election, to be published
29 at least once ~~in a newspaper of general circulation~~ as provided
30 in chapter 9J within the city at least ten days prior to the
31 meeting at which it is proposed to take action for the issuance
32 of the bonds.

33 Sec. 93. Section 384.26, subsection 5, paragraph a,
34 unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

35 Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 2, a council may,

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

16 Sec. 94. Section 384.84A, subsection 1, Code 2026, is amended
17 to read as follows:

18 1. The governing body of a city may institute proceedings
19 to issue revenue bonds for storm water drainage construction
20 projects under section 384.84, subsection 7, by causing notice
21 of the proposed project, with a description of the proposed
22 project and a description of the formula for the determination
23 of the rate or rates applied to users for payment of the bonds,
24 and a description of the bonds and maximum rate of interest
25 and the right to petition for an election if the project meets
26 the requirement of subsection 2, to be published at least once
27 ~~in a newspaper of general circulation~~ as provided in chapter
28 9J within the city at least thirty days before the meeting at
29 which the governing body proposes to take action to institute
30 proceedings for issuance of revenue bonds for the storm water
31 drainage construction project.

32 Sec. 95. Section 403.15, subsection 5, Code 2026, is amended
33 to read as follows:

34 5. The mayor or chairperson of the board, as applicable,
35 shall designate a chairperson and vice chairperson from among

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

19 Sec. 96. Section 403A.5, subsection 4, paragraph b, Code
20 2026, is amended to read as follows:

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

1 community ~~a notice~~ as provided in chapter 9J to the effect that
2 such report has been filed with the municipality, and that the
3 report is available for inspection during business hours in the
4 office of the city clerk and in the office of the agency.

5 Sec. 97. Section 403A.28, Code 2026, is amended to read as
6 follows:

7 **403A.28 Public hearing required.**

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

17 Sec. 98. Section 419.9, Code 2026, is amended to read as
18 follows:

19 **419.9 Public hearing.**

20 Prior to the issuance of any bonds under authority of this
21 chapter, the municipality shall conduct a public hearing on the
22 proposal to issue said bonds. Notice of intention to issue the
23 bonds, specifying the amount and purpose thereof and the time
24 and place of hearing, shall be published at least once not less
25 than fifteen days prior to the date fixed for the hearing ~~in a~~
26 ~~newspaper published and having a general circulation within the~~
27 ~~municipality. If there is no newspaper published therein, the~~
28 ~~notice shall be published in a newspaper published in the county~~
29 ~~and having a general circulation in the municipality~~ as provided
30 in chapter 9J. At the time and place fixed for the public hearing
31 the governing body of the municipality shall give all local
32 residents who appear at the hearing an opportunity to express
33 their views for or against the proposal to issue the bonds and at
34 the hearing, or any adjournment thereof, shall adopt a resolution
35 determining whether or not to proceed with the issuance of the

1 bonds.

2 Sec. 99. Section 422D.1, subsection 2, paragraph a, Code
3 2026, is amended to read as follows:

4 a. To be effective, the resolution declaring emergency
5 medical services to be an essential service shall be considered
6 and voted on for approval at two meetings of the board prior to
7 the meeting at which the resolution is to be finally approved by
8 a majority of the board by recorded vote, as defined in section
9 331.101. Notice of the first meeting of the board at which
10 the resolution is considered and voted on shall be published not
11 less than sixty days prior to the date of the meeting ~~in one or~~
12 ~~more newspapers that meet the requirements of section 618.14 as~~
13 provided in chapter 9J. The board shall not suspend or waive the
14 requirements for approval of the resolution or approval of the
15 imposition of a tax under this chapter.

16 Sec. 100. Section 423A.7, subsection 4, paragraph f,
17 subparagraph (1), Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

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

29 Sec. 101. Section 423B.9, subsection 4, paragraph a,
30 subparagraph (1), Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

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

1 at least once ~~in a newspaper of general circulation as provided~~
2 in chapter 9J within the political subdivision or unincorporated
3 area at least ten days prior to the meeting at which it is
4 proposed to take action for the issuance of the bonds.

5 Sec. 102. Section 423F.3, subsection 3, paragraph d, Code
6 2026, is amended to read as follows:

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

18 Sec. 103. Section 423F.3, subsection 7, paragraph a, Code
19 2026, is amended to read as follows:

20 a. Prior to approving the use of revenues received under this
21 chapter for an athletic facility infrastructure project within
22 the scope of the school district's approved revenue purpose
23 statement or pursuant to subsection 4 for a school district
24 without an approved revenue statement, the board of directors
25 shall adopt a resolution setting forth the proposal for the
26 athletic facility infrastructure project and hold an additional
27 public hearing on the issue of construction of the athletic
28 facility. Notice of the time and place of the public hearing
29 shall be published not less than ten nor more than twenty days
30 before the public hearing ~~in a newspaper which is a newspaper~~
31 ~~of general circulation in the school district~~ as provided in
32 chapter 9J. If at any time prior to the fifteenth day following
33 the hearing, the secretary of the board of directors receives a
34 petition containing the required number of signatures and asking
35 that the question of the approval of the use of revenues for

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

23 Sec. 104. Section 441.49, subsection 2, paragraph a,
24 unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

25 On or before October 8 the county auditor shall cause to
26 be published ~~in official newspapers of general circulation as~~
27 provided in chapter 9J the final equalization order. The county
28 auditor shall also notify each property owner or taxpayer whose
29 valuation has been increased by the final equalization order by
30 mail postmarked on or before October 8. The publication and
31 the individual notice mailed to each property owner or taxpayer
32 whose valuation has been increased shall include, in type larger
33 than the remainder of the publication or notice, the following
34 statements:

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

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

8 Sec. 105. Section 446.9, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended
9 to read as follows:

10 2. Publication of the date, time, and place of the annual tax
11 sale shall be made once by the treasurer ~~in at least one official~~
12 ~~newspaper in the county as selected by the board of supervisors~~
13 ~~and designated by the treasurer as provided in chapter 9J~~ at
14 least one week, but not more than three weeks, before the day of
15 sale. The publication shall contain a description of the parcel
16 to be sold that is clear, concise, and sufficient to distinguish
17 the parcel to be sold from all other parcels. All items offered
18 for sale pursuant to section 446.18 may be indicated by an "s"
19 or by an asterisk. The publication shall also contain the name
20 of the person in whose name the parcel to be sold is taxed
21 and the amount delinquent for which the parcel is liable each
22 year, the amount of the interest and fees, and the amount of the
23 service fee as provided in section 446.10, subsection 2, all to
24 be incorporated as a single sum. The publication shall contain
25 a statement that, after the sale, if the parcel is not redeemed
26 within the period provided in chapter 447, the right to redeem
27 expires and a deed may be issued.

28 Sec. 106. Section 447.10, Code 2026, is amended to read as
29 follows:

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

31 If notice in accordance with section 447.9 cannot be served
32 upon a person entitled to notice in the manner prescribed in that
33 section, then the holder of the certificate of purchase shall
34 cause the required notice to be published once ~~in an official~~
35 ~~newspaper~~ as provided in chapter 9J in the county. If service

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

7 Sec. 107. Section 455B.305A, subsection 1, paragraph b, Code
8 2026, is amended to read as follows:

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

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

5 Sec. 108. Section 455B.305A, subsection 3, paragraph b, Code
6 2026, is amended to read as follows:

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

15 Sec. 109. Section 455B.305A, subsection 5, Code 2026, is
16 amended to read as follows:

17 5. At least one public hearing shall be held by the city
18 council or county board of supervisors no sooner than ninety days
19 but no later than one hundred twenty days from receipt of the
20 request for siting approval. A hearing shall be preceded by
21 ~~published notice in an official newspaper of the county of the~~
22 ~~proposed site, including in any official newspaper located in the~~
23 city of the proposed site as provided in chapter 9J.

24 Sec. 110. Section 459.304, subsection 2, paragraph a,
25 subparagraph (1), Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

26 (1) The board shall publish a notice that the board has
27 received the application ~~in a newspaper having a general~~
28 circulation in the county as provided in chapter 9J.

29 Sec. 111. Section 465C.11, subsection 3, Code 2026, is
30 amended to read as follows:

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

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

11 Sec. 112. Section 468.34, Code 2026, is amended to read as
12 follows:

13 **468.34 Advertisement for bids.**

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

31 Sec. 113. Section 468.82, Code 2026, is amended to read as
32 follows:

33 **468.82 Payment.**

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

1 be paid, and before any bonds are issued, publish notice ~~in an~~
2 ~~official newspaper~~ as provided in chapter 9J in the county where
3 the district is located, of such time. After the expiration of
4 such time, no assessments may be paid except in the manner and
5 at the times fixed by the board in the resolution authorizing the
6 issue of the bonds.

7 Sec. 114. Section 468.257, subsection 3, Code 2026, is
8 amended to read as follows:

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

16 Sec. 115. Section 468.507, Code 2026, is amended to read as
17 follows:

18 **468.507 Notice of election.**

19 The board, or, if in more than one county, the boards acting
20 jointly, shall cause notice of said election to be given, setting
21 forth the time and place of holding the same and the hours when
22 the polls will open and close. Such notice shall be published
23 for two consecutive weeks ~~in a newspaper in which the official~~
24 ~~proceedings of the board are published~~ as provided in chapter
25 9J in the county, or if the district extends into more than one
26 county, then ~~in such newspaper of~~ as provided in chapter 9J in
27 each county. The last of such publications shall not be less
28 than ten days before the date of said election.

29 Sec. 116. Section 533.320, subsection 4, paragraph b, Code
30 2026, is amended to read as follows:

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

~~1 newspaper of general circulation published in the county, or in a
2 county adjoining the county, in which the state credit union has
3 its principal place of business as provided in chapter 9J.~~

4 Sec. 117. Section 556.12, subsection 1, paragraphs a and b,
5 Code 2026, are amended to read as follows:

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

16 b. Publish information to make the public aware of the
17 existence of unclaimed property and the treasurer of state's
18 unclaimed property program ~~in a newspaper in general circulation
19 in the state as provided in chapter 9J.~~

20 Sec. 118. REPEAL. Section 618.19, Code 2026, is repealed.

21 DIVISION III

22 EFFECTIVE DATE

23 Sec. 119. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect July 1,
24 2026, except that the secretary of state may adopt rules for the
25 implementation of this Act prior to that date.

26 EXPLANATION

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

29 This bill relates to the posting of public notices and is
30 organized in divisions.

31 DIVISION I — PUBLIC NOTICE REQUIREMENTS. The bill requires
32 the secretary of state or the secretary of state's designee to
33 create an online portal on which a public posting entity, defined
34 in the bill to include the state of Iowa, an Iowa county, an
35 Iowa city, an Iowa public school district, or an Iowa private or

1 public agency as defined in Code chapter 28E (joint exercise of
2 governmental powers), must post all statutorily required public
3 notices, defined in the bill. The online portal shall be
4 searchable based on county, city, school district, and type of
5 public notice. The bill requires the secretary of state to
6 collect a fee of \$5 from a public posting entity for each notice
7 posted by the entity and to deposit moneys collected pursuant
8 to the bill in the public notice administration fund, created in
9 the bill under the control of the secretary of state. Moneys
10 in the public notice administration fund are appropriated to the
11 secretary of state for the administration of the bill and are
12 not subject to reversion. Interest or earnings on moneys in
13 the public notice administration fund are credited to the fund.
14 Moneys in the public notice administration fund are capped at
15 \$350,000, with fees in excess of this amount being deposited in
16 the general fund of the state.

17 The bill requires a statutorily required public notice posted
18 to the online portal to be timely made, include statutorily
19 required information, contact information for the entity posting
20 the notice, and instructions for making public comments, if
21 applicable. A public posting entity is solely responsible for
22 the contents of a notice posted by the entity, and neither the
23 secretary of state nor the secretary of state's designee shall be
24 responsible for the content of public notices. The bill requires
25 a public posting entity to maintain a statutorily required public
26 notice on the online portal for a period of five years following
27 the expiration of the required posting time. The bill does not
28 change a public posting entity's responsibility to keep record
29 of a posting or make public use copies of a posting available
30 if otherwise required. The bill also requires a public posting
31 entity to post a physical copy of a statutorily required public
32 notice in a prominent place that is easily accessible to the
33 public and clearly designated for that purpose at the principal
34 office of the public posting entity, or if no such office exists,
35 at the building in which the meeting is to be held. The bill

1 allows a public posting entity to post a statutorily required
2 public notice either on the online portal or as required by the
3 2026 Iowa Code for a period of six months following the effective
4 date of the bill. The bill requires the Iowa public information
5 board to hear disputes regarding the publication of a statutorily
6 required public notice as a contested case proceeding and award
7 the prevailing party reasonable costs and attorney fees.

8 The bill does not apply to the office of the governor or
9 the general assembly. The bill also exempts notices posted
10 pursuant to Code section 2B.5A (Iowa administrative bulletin
11 and Iowa administrative code), Code sections enacting interstate
12 compacts, Code chapter 17A (Iowa administrative procedure Act),
13 or the Constitution of the State of Iowa from the requirements
14 of the bill. The bill also requires the legislative services
15 agency to place on the agency's internet site information
16 regarding the posting of public notices pursuant to the bill and
17 county auditors to include the same information on property tax
18 statements. This requirement is repealed effective July 1, 2030.

19 DIVISION II — CONFORMING CHANGES. The bill amends sections
20 throughout the Code that require the publication of public
21 notice to require that the notice be posted consistent with the
22 requirements of the bill.

23 DIVISION III — EFFECTIVE DATE. The bill takes effect July
24 1, 2026, except that the secretary of state may adopt rules for
25 the implementation of the bill prior to that date.