

**Senate Study Bill 3175 - Introduced**

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BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL BY  
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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to local government, including the approval of  
2 action by ordinance and posting of public notices.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

DIVISION I

PROHIBITION ON ACTION WITHOUT APPROVAL BY ORDINANCE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 county in which the largest population of the city resides.

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DIVISION II

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PUBLIC NOTICE IN NEWSPAPERS — REQUIREMENT ELIMINATED

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Sec. 3. Section 6B.2A, subsection 2, unnumbered paragraph

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1, Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

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~~The~~ Except as provided in chapter 618, the acquiring agency

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shall cause a notice to be published once in a newspaper

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of general circulation in the county or city where the

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agricultural land is located. The notice shall be published

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at least four but no more than twenty days before the public

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hearing is held as referred to in [subsection 1](#). The published

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notice shall, at a minimum, include the following information:

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Sec. 4. Section 24.2A, subsection 4, Code 2026, is amended

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to read as follows:

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4. *a.* Each political subdivision shall set a time and place

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for a public hearing on the political subdivision's proposed

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property tax amount for the budget year and the political

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subdivision's information included in the statements under

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subsection 2. The proposed property tax hearing shall be set

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on a date on or after March 20 of the budget year immediately

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preceding the budget year for which the tax is being proposed.

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At the hearing, the governing body of the political subdivision

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shall receive oral or written testimony from any resident or

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property owner of the political subdivision. This public

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hearing shall be separate from any other meeting of the

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governing body of the political subdivision, including any

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other meeting or public hearing relating to the political

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subdivision's budget, and other business of the political

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subdivision that is not related to the proposed property tax

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amounts and the information in the statements shall not be

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conducted at the public hearing. After all testimony has been

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received and considered, the governing body may decrease, but

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not increase, the proposed property tax amount to be included

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in the political subdivision's budget.

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~~*b.* (1) If the political subdivision is a county, notice~~

1 ~~of the public hearing shall be published not less than ten~~  
2 ~~nor more than twenty days prior to the hearing in the county~~  
3 ~~newspapers selected under [chapter 349](#).~~

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

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

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

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

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

27 ~~*e.* b. (1) Notice of the hearing shall also be posted and~~  
28 ~~clearly identified on the political subdivision's official~~  
29 ~~internet site for public viewing beginning on the date of the~~  
30 ~~newspaper publication, as provided in chapter 618, and shall~~  
31 ~~be maintained on the political subdivision's official internet~~  
32 ~~site with all such prior year notices. Additionally, if the~~  
33 ~~political subdivision maintains a social media account on one~~  
34 ~~or more social media applications, the public hearing notice~~  
35 ~~or an electronic link to the public hearing notice shall be~~

1 posted on each such account on a date no later than the date of  
2 publication of the notice.

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

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

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

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

14 a. Each municipality shall file with the secretary or clerk  
15 thereof the estimates required to be made in sections 24.3  
16 through 24.8, at least twenty days before the date fixed by  
17 law for certifying the same to the levying board and shall  
18 forthwith fix a date for a hearing on the estimates, and  
19 shall publish such estimates and any annual levies previously  
20 authorized as provided in [section 76.2](#), with a notice of the  
21 time when and the place where such hearing shall be held not  
22 less than ten nor more than twenty days before the hearing.

23 ~~Provided that in municipalities of less than two hundred~~  
24 ~~population such estimates and the notice of hearing shall~~  
25 ~~be posted in three public places in the district in lieu of~~  
26 ~~publication. For any other municipality such Such publication~~  
27 ~~shall be in a newspaper published in the municipality, if any,~~  
28 ~~if not, then in a newspaper of general circulation in the~~  
29 ~~municipality as provided in chapter 618.~~

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

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

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

16 Sec. 7. Section 28A.5, subsection 1, unnumbered paragraph  
17 1, Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

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

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

33 3. The board shall set a time and place for a public hearing  
34 on the budget before the final certification date and shall  
35 publish notice of the hearing not less than ten nor more than

1 twenty days prior to the hearing ~~in one or more newspapers~~  
2 ~~serving the greater metropolitan area~~ as provided in chapter  
3 618. Proof of publication shall be filed with and preserved  
4 by the treasurer.

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

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

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

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

1     Sec. 11. Section 37.4, Code 2026, is amended to read as  
2 follows:

3     **37.4 Notice.**

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

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

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

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

23     2. If the status of an officeholder is in question, the  
24 entity or officer responsible for making an appointment to  
25 fill the vacancy shall decide whether a vacancy exists. The  
26 appointing entity or officer may act upon its own motion. If  
27 a petition signed by twenty-five registered voters of the  
28 jurisdiction is received, the appointing entity or officer  
29 shall convene within thirty days to consider whether a vacancy  
30 exists. The appointing entity or officer shall publish notice  
31 that a public hearing will be held to determine whether a  
32 vacancy exists. If applicable, such notice shall be made  
33 pursuant to chapter 618. The notice shall include the time  
34 and place of the hearing and the name of the office and the  
35 officeholder whose status is in question. The public hearing

1 shall be held not less than four nor more than fourteen days  
2 after publication of the notice. The officer whose status is  
3 in question shall be notified of the time and place of the  
4 hearing. Notice shall be sent by certified mail and must be  
5 postmarked at least fourteen days before the hearing. No later  
6 than seven days after the public hearing, the appointing entity  
7 or officer shall publish its decision. If the appointing  
8 entity or officer decides that the office is vacant, the  
9 publication shall state the date the vacancy occurred and what  
10 action will be taken to fill the vacancy.

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

13 **73A.12 Issuance of bonds — notice.**

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

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

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

34 Sec. 16. Section 75.2, Code 2026, is amended to read as  
35 follows:

1     **75.2 Notice of sale.**

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

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

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

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

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

1 618.

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

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

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

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

21 **145A.5 Order of approval.**

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

1 contain a notice to the residents of each subdivision of the  
2 proposed merged area that if the residents fail to protest as  
3 provided in **this chapter**, the order shall be deemed approved  
4 upon the expiration of a sixty-day period following the date  
5 of the last published notice.

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

8 **161A.16 Publication of notice.**

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

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

19 **161A.45 Submission of regulations to division — hearing.**

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

34 Sec. 22. Section 174.17, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code  
35 2026, is amended to read as follows:

1     a. A fair may institute proceedings for the issuance  
2 of bonds by causing a notice of the proposal to issue the  
3 bonds to be published at least once ~~in a newspaper of general~~  
4 ~~circulation within the county~~ as provided in chapter 618 at  
5 least ten days prior to the meeting at which the fair proposes  
6 to take action for the issuance of the bonds. The notice shall  
7 include a statement of the amount and purpose of the bonds, the  
8 maximum rate of interest the bonds are to bear, and the right  
9 to petition for an election.

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

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

1 the election to the department of management.

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

4 (2) Prior to filing a request for supplemental aid or a  
5 modified supplemental amount based on the grounds specified  
6 in this paragraph, the board of directors shall hold a public  
7 hearing on the issue and shall publish the notice of the time  
8 and place of the public hearing. Notice of the time and place  
9 of the public hearing shall be published not less than ten nor  
10 more than twenty days before the public hearing ~~in a newspaper~~  
11 ~~that is a newspaper of general circulation in the school~~  
12 ~~district~~ as provided in chapter 618.

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

15 **257B.5 Notice — sale.**

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

1 treasurer on the first day of February all interest collected.

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

4 12. During the second week of August of each year, publish  
5 ~~by one insertion in at least one newspaper published in the~~  
6 ~~merged area~~ as provided in chapter 618 a summarized statement  
7 verified by affidavit of the secretary of the board showing  
8 the receipts and disbursements of all funds of the community  
9 college for the preceding fiscal year. The statement of  
10 disbursements shall show the names of the persons, firms,  
11 or corporations, and the total amount paid to each during  
12 the fiscal year. The board is not required to make the  
13 publications and notices required under [sections 279.35](#) and  
14 [279.36](#).

15 Sec. 27. Section 273.8, subsection 2, paragraph a, Code  
16 2026, is amended to read as follows:

17 a. Notice of the election shall be published by the area  
18 education agency administrator not later than September 15 of  
19 the odd-numbered year ~~in at least one newspaper of general~~  
20 ~~circulation in the director district~~ as provided in chapter  
21 618. The cost of publication shall be paid by the area  
22 education agency.

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

25 3. *Director district convention.* If no candidate files with  
26 the area education agency secretary by the deadline specified  
27 in [subsection 2](#), or a vacancy occurs, or if otherwise required  
28 as provided in [section 273.23, subsection 3](#), a director  
29 district convention, attended by members of the boards of  
30 directors of the local school districts located within the  
31 director district, shall be called to elect a board member  
32 described in [subsection 1](#), paragraph "b", for that director  
33 district. The convention location shall be determined by the  
34 area education agency administrator. Notice of the time,  
35 date, and place of a director district convention shall be

1 published by the area education agency administrator ~~in at~~  
2 ~~least one newspaper of general circulation in the director~~  
3 ~~district as provided in chapter 618~~ at least thirty days prior  
4 to the day of the convention. The cost of publication shall be  
5 paid by the area education agency. A candidate for election  
6 to the area education agency board shall file a statement  
7 of candidacy with the area education agency secretary at  
8 least ten days prior to the date of the director district  
9 convention on forms prescribed by the department of education,  
10 or nominations may be made at the convention by a delegate from  
11 a board of directors of a school district located within the  
12 director district. A statement of candidacy shall include the  
13 candidate's name, address, and school district. Delegates to  
14 director district conventions shall not be bound by a school  
15 board or any school board member to pledge their votes to any  
16 candidate prior to the date of the convention.

17 Sec. 29. Section 273.27, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code  
18 2026, is amended to read as follows:

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

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

31 1. Within ten days after the petition is filed, the area  
32 education agency administrator shall fix a final date for  
33 filing objections to the petition, which shall be not more than  
34 sixty days after the petition is filed, and shall fix the date  
35 for a hearing on the objections to the petition. Objections

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

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

23 4. The administrator shall at once publish the decision  
24 ~~in the same newspaper as provided in chapter 618 in the same~~  
25 manner in which the original notice was published. Within  
26 twenty days after the publication, the decision rendered by the  
27 area education agency board may be appealed to the district  
28 court in the county involved by any school district affected.  
29 For purposes of appeal, only those school districts who filed  
30 reorganization petitions are school districts affected. An  
31 appeal from a decision of an area education agency board or  
32 joint area education agency boards under [section 275.4](#), [275.16](#),  
33 or [this section](#) is subject to appeal procedures under this  
34 chapter and is not subject to appeal under [chapter 290](#).

35 Sec. 32. Section 275.16, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended

1 to read as follows:

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

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

23 2. The county commissioner of elections shall give notice  
24 of the election by one publication ~~in the same newspaper~~ as  
25 provided in chapter 618 in the same manner in which previous  
26 notices have been published regarding the proposed school  
27 reorganization, and in addition, if more than one county  
28 is involved, by one publication ~~in a legal newspaper~~ as  
29 provided in chapter 618 in each county other than that of the  
30 first publication. The publication shall be not less than  
31 four nor more than twenty days prior to the election. If  
32 the decision published pursuant to [section 275.15](#) or [275.16](#)  
33 includes a description of the proposed school corporation and  
34 a description of the director districts, if any, the notice  
35 for election and the ballot do not need to include these

1 descriptions. Notice for an election shall not be published  
2 until the expiration of time for appeal, which shall be the  
3 same as that provided in [section 275.15](#) or [275.16](#), whichever is  
4 applicable; and if there is an appeal, not until the appeal has  
5 been disposed of.

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

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

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

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

31 Sec. 36. Section 279.36, Code 2026, is amended to read as  
32 follows:

33 **279.36 Publication procedures and fee.**

34 ~~±~~ The requirements of [section 279.35](#) are satisfied by  
35 publication ~~in at least one newspaper published in the district~~

1 ~~or, if there is none, in at least one newspaper having general~~  
2 ~~circulation within the district as provided in chapter 618.~~

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

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

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

28 Sec. 38. Section 303.46, Code 2026, is amended to read as  
29 follows:

30 **303.46 Notice of election.**

31 In its order for the election the board of supervisors shall  
32 direct the county auditor to cause notice of the election to  
33 be given by posting at least five copies of the notice in  
34 public places in the proposed district at least twenty days  
35 before the date of election and by publication of the notice

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

15 Sec. 39. Section 303.52, subsection 3, Code 2026, is amended  
16 to read as follows:

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

27 Sec. 40. Section 306.12, Code 2026, is amended to read as  
28 follows:

29 **306.12 Notice — service.**

30 Notice of the hearing under [section 306.11](#) shall be  
31 published in a newspaper of general circulation in the county  
32 or counties where the road is located or, if applicable, as  
33 provided in chapter 618, not less than four nor more than  
34 twenty days prior to the date of hearing. The agency ~~which~~  
35 that is holding the hearing shall notify all adjoining property

1 owners, all utility companies whose facilities adjoin the  
2 road right-of-way or are on the road right-of-way, and the  
3 department, boards of supervisors, or agency in control of  
4 affected state lands, of the time and place of the hearing, by  
5 certified mail.

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

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

21 Sec. 42. Section 321.89, subsection 3, paragraph g, Code  
22 2026, is amended to read as follows:

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

33 Sec. 43. Section 321.236, subsection 13, paragraph b, Code  
34 2026, is amended to read as follows:

35 *b.* Before establishing a rural residence district, the

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

9 Sec. 44. Section 330A.6, subsection 1, unnumbered paragraph  
10 1, Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

32 2. The petition shall be filed with the county commissioner  
33 by June 1 of an odd-numbered year, subject to [subsection 7](#).  
34 The special election shall be held on the first Tuesday after  
35 the first Monday in November of the odd-numbered year. Notice

1 of the special election shall be published once each week for  
2 three successive weeks ~~in an official newspaper of the county~~  
3 as provided in chapter 618, shall state the representation  
4 plans to be submitted to the electors, and shall state the  
5 date of the special election. The last in the series of  
6 publications shall occur not less than four nor more than  
7 twenty days before the election.

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

10 1. If a proposed charter for county government is received  
11 not less than five working days before the filing deadline for  
12 candidates for county offices specified in [section 44.4](#) for  
13 the next general election, the board shall direct the county  
14 commissioner of elections to submit to the registered voters  
15 of the county at the next general election the question of  
16 whether the proposed charter shall be adopted. A summary of  
17 the proposed charter or amendment shall be published ~~in~~ as  
18 provided in chapter 618, on the official internet site of the  
19 ~~county newspapers and in a newspaper of general circulation in~~  
20 on the official internet site of each participating city, if  
21 applicable, at least ten but not more than twenty days before  
22 the date of the election. Except as otherwise provided in  
23 sections 331.247 and [331.260](#), if a majority of the votes cast  
24 on the question is in favor of the proposal, the proposal is  
25 adopted.

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

28 8. A resolution becomes effective upon passage and an  
29 ordinance or amendment becomes a law when a summary of the  
30 ordinance or the complete text of the ordinance is published  
31 as provided in chapter 618, unless a subsequent effective date  
32 is provided within the measure. As used in [this subsection](#),  
33 *"summary"* shall mean a narrative description of the terms and  
34 conditions of an ordinance setting forth the main points of  
35 the ordinance in a manner calculated to inform the public in a

1 clear and understandable manner the meaning of the ordinance  
2 and which shall provide the public with sufficient notice to  
3 conform to the desired conduct required by the ordinance.  
4 The description shall include the title of the ordinance,  
5 an accurate and intelligible abstract or synopsis of the  
6 essential elements of the ordinance, a statement that the  
7 description is a summary, the location and the normal business  
8 hours of the office where the ordinance may be inspected, when  
9 the ordinance becomes effective, and the full text of any  
10 provisions imposing fines, penalties, forfeitures, fees, or  
11 taxes. Legal descriptions of property set forth in ordinances  
12 shall be described in full, provided that maps or charts may be  
13 substituted for legal descriptions when they contain sufficient  
14 detail to clearly define the area with which the ordinance is  
15 concerned. The narrative description shall be written in a  
16 clear and coherent manner and shall, to the extent possible,  
17 avoid the use of technical or legal terms not generally  
18 familiar to the public. When necessary to use technical or  
19 legal terms not generally familiar to the public, the narrative  
20 description shall include definitions of those terms.

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

23 1. Unless otherwise provided by state law, if notice of an  
24 election, hearing, or other official action is required by this  
25 chapter, the board shall publish the notice at least once, not  
26 less than four nor more than twenty days before the date of the  
27 election, hearing, or other action, ~~in one or more newspapers~~  
28 ~~which meet the requirements of [section 618.14](#)~~ as provided in  
29 chapter 618. Notice of an election shall also comply with  
30 section 49.53.

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

33 2. The board of supervisors shall publish notice of the  
34 proposed resolution, and of a public hearing to be held on the  
35 proposed resolution, ~~in a newspaper of general circulation in~~

1 ~~the county~~ as provided in chapter 618 at least ten days but no  
2 more than twenty days before the date of the public hearing.  
3 If, after notice and hearing, the resolution is adopted, the  
4 board of supervisors shall assume the exercise of the powers  
5 and duties of township trustees relating to fire protection  
6 service and emergency medical service as set forth in sections  
7 359.42 through 359.45.

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

10 5. Notice of the proposed special levy election shall be  
11 ~~published at least twice in a newspaper~~ as specified in section  
12 331.305 prior to the date of the special levy election. The  
13 ~~first~~ notice shall appear as early as practicable after the  
14 board has decided to seek a special levy.

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

17 3. Following, and not until, the requirements of section  
18 24.2A are completed, the board shall set a time and place for  
19 a public hearing on the budget before the final certification  
20 date and shall publish notice of the hearing not less than ten  
21 nor more than twenty days prior to the hearing ~~in the county~~  
22 ~~newspapers selected under~~ chapter 349 as provided in chapter  
23 618. A summary of the proposed budget and a description of  
24 the procedure for protesting the county budget under section  
25 331.436, in the form prescribed by the director of the  
26 department of management, shall be included in the notice.  
27 Proof of publication of the notice under this subsection 3  
28 shall be filed with and preserved by the county auditor. A  
29 levy is not valid unless and until the notice is published and  
30 individual statements under section 24.2A are mailed. The  
31 department of management shall prescribe the form for the  
32 public hearing notice for use by counties.

33 6. The board shall appropriate, by resolution, the amounts  
34 deemed necessary for each of the different county officers  
35 and departments during the ensuing fiscal year. Increases

1 or decreases in these appropriations do not require a budget  
2 amendment, but may be provided by resolution at a regular  
3 meeting of the board, as long as each class of proposed  
4 expenditures contained in the budget summary published under  
5 subsection 3 of [this section](#) is not increased. However,  
6 decreases in appropriations for a county officer or department  
7 of more than ten percent or five thousand dollars, whichever  
8 is greater, shall not be effective unless the board sets a  
9 time and place for a public hearing on the proposed decrease  
10 and publishes notice of the hearing not less than ten nor more  
11 than twenty days prior to the hearing ~~in the county newspapers~~  
12 ~~selected under [chapter 349](#)~~ as provided in chapter 618.

13 Sec. 54. Section 331.434, subsection 7, paragraph c,  
14 subparagraph (1), Code 2026, is amended by striking the  
15 subparagraph.

16 Sec. 55. Section 331.443, subsection 3, paragraph a, Code  
17 2026, is amended to read as follows:

18 a. Notwithstanding [subsection 2](#), a board may institute  
19 proceedings for the issuance of bonds for an essential county  
20 purpose specified in [section 331.441, subsection 2](#), paragraph  
21 "b", subparagraph (18) or (19), in an amount equal to or  
22 greater than three million dollars by causing a notice of the  
23 proposal to issue the bonds, including a statement of the  
24 amount and purpose of the bonds, together with the maximum rate  
25 of interest ~~which~~ that the bonds are to bear, and the right  
26 to petition for an election, to be published at least once ~~in~~  
27 ~~a newspaper of general circulation~~ as provided in chapter 618  
28 within the county at least ten days prior to the meeting at  
29 which it is proposed to take action for the issuance of the  
30 bonds.

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

33 6. To arrange, compile, and administer competitive tests  
34 to determine the relative qualifications of persons seeking  
35 employment in any class of position and as a result thereof

1 establish eligible lists for the various classes of positions,  
2 and provide that persons discharged because of curtailment of  
3 expenditures, reduction in force, and for like causes, head  
4 the list in the order of their seniority, to the end that they  
5 shall be the first to be reemployed. Notice of competitive  
6 tests to be given shall be published at least two weeks prior  
7 to holding the tests ~~in a newspaper of general circulation as~~  
8 provided in chapter 618 in the county or counties in which a  
9 vacancy exists.

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

12 4. The articles of incorporation shall set forth the  
13 name of the authority, the name of the incorporating units,  
14 the purpose for which the authority is created, the number,  
15 terms, and manner of selection of its officers including its  
16 governing body which shall be known as the "commission", the  
17 powers and duties of the authority and of its officers, the  
18 date upon which the authority becomes effective, ~~the name of~~  
19 ~~the newspaper in~~ official internet site of the county on which  
20 the articles of incorporation shall be published, and any other  
21 matters.

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

24 6. The articles of incorporation shall be recorded in the  
25 office of the county recorder and filed with the secretary  
26 of state, and shall be published ~~once in a newspaper~~ on the  
27 county's official internet site designated in the articles  
28 of incorporation ~~and having a general circulation within the~~  
29 ~~county~~, and upon such recording and publication, the authority  
30 shall be deemed to come into existence.

31 Sec. 59. Section 346.27, subsection 10, paragraph b, Code  
32 2026, is amended to read as follows:

33 b. In addition to the notice required by [section 49.53](#), a  
34 notice of the election shall be published ~~once each week~~ for  
35 at least two weeks ~~in some newspaper published in the county~~

1 as provided in chapter 618 stating the date of the election,  
2 the hours the polls will be open, and a copy of the question.  
3 The authority shall call this election with the concurrence of  
4 both incorporating units. The election shall be conducted by  
5 the commissioner in accordance with the provisions of chapters  
6 49 and 50.

7 Sec. 60. Section 347.7, subsection 4, paragraph a, Code  
8 2026, is amended to read as follows:

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

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

29 There shall be published ~~in each of the official newspapers~~  
30 ~~at the expense of the county~~ as provided in chapter 618 during  
31 the ensuing year:

32 Sec. 62. Section 349.18, subsection 3, paragraph b, Code  
33 2026, is amended to read as follows:

34 b. In addition to the requirements in paragraph "a", ~~if~~  
35 ~~a county operates an internet site~~, the county auditor shall

1 post the full text of all resolutions adopted by the board  
2 ~~on the internet site~~ as provided in chapter 618. Any posted  
3 summary or text of a full resolution shall include links  
4 directing readers to information relevant to the content of the  
5 resolution.

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

8 1. Within thirty days of receipt of a proposal to create  
9 or expand an agricultural area ~~which~~ that meets the statutory  
10 requirements, the county board shall provide notice of the  
11 proposal ~~by publishing notice in a newspaper of general~~  
12 ~~circulation in the county~~ as provided in chapter 618. Within  
13 forty-five days after receipt of the proposal, the county board  
14 shall hold a public hearing on the proposal.

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

17 1. A survey of an official plat shall conform as nearly  
18 as possible to the original lot lines shown on the official  
19 plat. The surveyor may summon witnesses, administer oaths, and  
20 prepare affidavits and boundary line agreements as necessary in  
21 order to establish the location of property lines or lot lines.  
22 If a substantial error is discovered in an official plat or  
23 if it is found to be materially defective, a proprietor may  
24 petition the governing body ~~which~~ that would have jurisdiction  
25 to approve the plat at the time the petition is filed for  
26 a replat of any part of the official plat. Notice of the  
27 proposed replat shall be served, in the manner of original  
28 notice as provided in Iowa rules of civil procedure, to the  
29 proprietors of record and holders of easements specifically  
30 recorded within the area to be replatted. The governing body  
31 has jurisdiction of the matter upon proof of publication of  
32 notice of the petition ~~once each week for two weeks in a~~  
33 ~~newspaper of general circulation within the area of the replat~~  
34 as provided in chapter 618.

35 Sec. 65. Section 357A.3, subsection 1, Code 2026, is amended

1 to read as follows:

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

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

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

15 The supervisors shall prepare and preserve a complete record of  
16 the hearing on the petition and their findings and action.

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

19 1. For an annual meeting of participating members by July  
20 31 of each year following the year of incorporation of the  
21 district, and for the mailing of written notice of the time and  
22 place of each annual meeting to each participating member and  
23 publication of the notice ~~in a newspaper of general circulation~~  
24 ~~in the district as provided in chapter 618~~ not less than ten  
25 nor more than thirty days prior to each meeting.

26 Sec. 68. Section 357A.11, subsection 13, paragraph b, Code  
27 2026, is amended to read as follows:

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

1 district's members in the area for which the board seeks to  
2 relinquish service not less than fourteen days prior to such  
3 public hearing. A public hearing is not required when the  
4 board relinquishes the district's right to service an area  
5 within the corporate limits of a city if the city will provide  
6 service in compliance with the city's annexation plan.

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

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

22 Sec. 70. Section 357A.24, subsection 4, paragraph b, Code  
23 2026, is amended to read as follows:

24 *b.* The order shall be published ~~in~~ on the same newspaper  
25 ~~which published~~ official internet site as the notice of the  
26 hearing.

27 Sec. 71. Section 357B.18, Code 2026, is amended to read as  
28 follows:

29 **357B.18 Detachment of land from district.**

30 The trustees of a township, after notice and a public  
31 hearing, may withdraw the township or part of the township  
32 from a benefited fire district. Notice of the time, date, and  
33 place of the hearing shall be published at least two weeks  
34 before the hearing ~~in a newspaper having general circulation as~~  
35 provided in chapter 618 within the township. The notice shall

1 also identify the area to be withdrawn. After the hearing on  
2 the proposed withdrawal, the township trustees, by majority  
3 vote, may withdraw the township or a part of the township from  
4 the benefited fire district. If the township trustees take  
5 final action to withdraw on or before March 1 of a fiscal year,  
6 the effective date of the withdrawal is the following July 1.  
7 However, if final action to withdraw is taken after March 1,  
8 the withdrawal is not effective until July 1 of the following  
9 calendar year. If bonds issued under [section 357B.4](#) are  
10 outstanding at the time of withdrawal, the board of supervisors  
11 shall continue to levy an annual tax against the taxable  
12 property being withdrawn to pay its share of the outstanding  
13 obligation of the district relating to those bonds.

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

16 **357F.4 Time of hearing.**

17 The public hearing required in [section 357F.2](#) shall be held  
18 within thirty days of the presentation of the petition. Notice  
19 of hearing shall be given by publication ~~in two successive~~  
20 ~~issues of any newspaper of general circulation within the~~  
21 ~~district~~ as provided in chapter 618. The ~~last~~ publication  
22 shall be not less than one week before the proposed hearing.

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

25 **357G.4 Time of hearing.**

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

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

34 **357I.4 Time of hearing.**

35 The public hearing required in [section 357I.2](#) shall be held

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

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

8 **357J.10 Approval of district property tax levy.**

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

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

33 3. The board shall examine the petition at its next meeting  
34 after its filing or within twenty days of the filing, whichever  
35 date is earlier. Within ten days of the meeting, the board

1 shall publish notice of the petition and the date, time, and  
2 place of the meeting at which time the board proposes to take  
3 action on the petition. The notice shall be published ~~in a~~  
4 ~~newspaper of general circulation published in the district~~  
5 ~~and, if no newspaper is published within the district, in a~~  
6 ~~newspaper published in the county in which the major part of~~  
7 ~~the district is located~~ as provided in chapter 618. At the  
8 board's meeting, or subsequent meetings as necessary, if the  
9 petition is found to comply with the requirements of this  
10 section and the board of trustees consents by majority vote,  
11 the board of supervisors may provide for payment as requested  
12 or modify the method of payment of costs and expenses.

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

35 Sec. 77. 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  
4 a date, time, and place of a public hearing on the proposal.  
5 The notice shall be published ~~in a newspaper published at least~~  
6 ~~once weekly and having general circulation in the township or~~  
7 ~~in the largest city in the township~~ as provided in chapter 618.  
8 The notice shall be published no less than ten days and no more  
9 than twenty days before the hearing.

10     Sec. 78. Section 362.3, subsection 1, paragraph b, Code  
11 2026, 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~~ as provided in chapter 618. However,  
15 if the city has a population of two hundred or less, ~~or in the~~  
16 ~~case of ordinances and amendments to be published in a city in~~  
17 ~~which no newspaper is published,~~ a publication may be made by  
18 posting in three public places in the city ~~which~~ that have been  
19 permanently designated by ordinance.

20     Sec. 79. Section 362.3, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended  
21 by striking the subsection.

22     Sec. 80. Section 364.2, subsection 4, paragraph c, Code  
23 2026, is amended to read as follows:

24     c. Notice of the election shall be given by publication  
25 as prescribed in [section 49.53](#) ~~in a newspaper of general~~  
26 ~~circulation in the city~~ and chapter 618.

27     Sec. 81. 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  
32 general fund by causing a notice of the meeting to discuss  
33 entering into the lease or lease-purchase contract, including  
34 a statement of the principal amount and purpose of the lease  
35 or lease-purchase contract and the right to petition for an

1 election, to be published ~~at least once in a newspaper of~~  
2 ~~general circulation within the city~~ as provided in chapter 618  
3 at least ten days prior to the discussion meeting. No sooner  
4 than thirty days following the discussion meeting shall the  
5 governing body hold a meeting at which it is proposed to take  
6 action to enter into the lease or lease-purchase contract.

7 Sec. 82. 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  
11 agree with another city or cities to refrain from annexing  
12 specifically described territory for a period not to exceed  
13 ten years and, following notice and hearing, may by resolution  
14 extend the agreement for subsequent periods not to exceed ten  
15 years each. Notice of a hearing shall be served by regular  
16 mail at least thirty days before the hearing on the city  
17 development board and on the board of supervisors of the county  
18 in which the territory is located and shall be published ~~in an~~  
19 ~~official county newspaper in~~ as provided in chapter 618, on  
20 the official internet site of each county containing a city  
21 conducting a hearing regarding the agreement, ~~in an official~~  
22 ~~county newspaper in~~ on the official internet site of any county  
23 within two miles of any such city, and ~~in an official newspaper~~  
24 on the official internet site of each city conducting a hearing  
25 regarding the agreement. The notice shall include the time and  
26 place of the hearing, ~~describe~~ a description of the territory  
27 subject to the proposed agreement, and the general terms of  
28 the agreement. After passage of a resolution by the cities  
29 approving the agreements, a copy of the agreement and a copy of  
30 any resolution extending an agreement shall be filed with the  
31 city development board within ten days of enactment. If such  
32 an agreement is in force, the board shall dismiss a petition or  
33 plan ~~which~~ that violates the terms of the agreement.

34 Sec. 83. Section 368.7, subsection 1, paragraph d, Code  
35 2026, is amended to read as follows:

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

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

24     2. An application for annexation of territory not within  
25 an urbanized area of a city other than the city to which the  
26 annexation is directed must be approved by resolution of the  
27 council which receives the application. The city council shall  
28 mail a copy of the application by certified mail to the board  
29 of supervisors of each county which contains a portion of the  
30 territory at least fourteen business days prior to any action  
31 taken by the city council on the application. The council  
32 shall also publish notice of the application ~~in an official~~  
33 ~~county newspaper in each county which contains a portion of the~~  
34 ~~territory~~ as provided in chapter 618 at least fourteen days  
35 prior to any action taken by the council on the application.

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

15 3. An application for annexation of territory within an  
16 urbanized area of a city other than the city to which the  
17 annexation is directed must be approved both by resolution of  
18 the council which receives the application and by the board.  
19 The board shall not approve an application which creates an  
20 island. Notice of the application shall be mailed by certified  
21 mail, by the city to which the annexation is directed, at least  
22 fourteen business days prior to any action by the city council  
23 on the application to the council of each city whose boundary  
24 adjoins the territory or is within two miles of the territory,  
25 to the board of supervisors of each county which contains a  
26 portion of the territory, each affected public utility, and  
27 to the regional planning authority of the territory. Notice  
28 of the application shall be published ~~in an official county~~  
29 ~~newspaper in each county which contains a portion of the~~  
30 ~~territory as provided in chapter 618~~ at least ten business days  
31 prior to any action by the city council on the application.  
32 The annexation is completed when the board has filed and  
33 recorded copies of applicable portions of the proceedings as  
34 required by [section 368.20, subsection 1](#), paragraph "b".

35 Sec. 85. Section 368.11, subsection 5, Code 2026, is amended

1 to read as follows:

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

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

20 6. Within fifteen days following a regular or special  
21 meeting of the council, the clerk shall cause the minutes of  
22 the proceedings of the council, including the total expenditure  
23 from each city fund, to be ~~delivered to a newspaper of general~~  
24 ~~circulation in the city for publication~~ published as provided  
25 in chapter 618. The publication shall include a list of all  
26 claims allowed and a summary of all receipts and shall show  
27 the gross amount of the claims. The list of claims allowed  
28 shall show the name of the person or firm making the claim,  
29 the reason for the claim, and the amount of the claim. If the  
30 reason for the claims is the same, two or more claims made by  
31 the same vendor, supplier, or claimant may be consolidated if  
32 the number of claims consolidated and the total consolidated  
33 claim amount are listed in the statement. However, the city  
34 shall provide at its office upon request an unconsolidated list  
35 of all claims allowed. Matters discussed in closed session

1 pursuant to [section 21.3](#) shall not be published until entered  
2 on the public minutes. However, in cities having more than  
3 one hundred fifty thousand population, the council shall each  
4 month print in pamphlet form a detailed itemized statement  
5 of all receipts and disbursements of the city, and a summary  
6 of its proceedings during the preceding month, and furnish  
7 copies to the city library, the daily newspapers of the city,  
8 and to persons who apply at the office of the city clerk, and  
9 the pamphlet shall constitute publication as required. The  
10 contents of the pamphlet shall be published on the city's  
11 internet site. Failure by the clerk to make publication is  
12 a simple misdemeanor. ~~The provisions of [this subsection](#) are~~  
13 ~~applicable in cities in which a newspaper is published, or in~~  
14 ~~cities of two hundred population or over, but in all other~~  
15 ~~cities, posting the statement in three public places in the~~  
16 ~~city which have been permanently designated by ordinance is~~  
17 ~~sufficient compliance with [this subsection](#).~~

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

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

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

29 1. If a proposed charter for consolidation is received not  
30 later than seventy-eight days before the next general election,  
31 the council of the participating city with the largest  
32 population shall, not later than sixty-nine days before the  
33 general election, direct the county commissioner of elections  
34 to submit to the registered voters of the participating  
35 cities at the next general election the question of whether

1 the proposed charter shall be adopted. A summary of the  
2 proposed charter shall be published ~~in a newspaper of general~~  
3 ~~circulation in as provided in chapter 618 on the official~~  
4 internet site of each city participating in the charter  
5 commission process at least ten but not more than twenty days  
6 before the date of the election. The proposed charter shall  
7 be effective in regard to a city only if a majority of the  
8 electors of the city voting approves the proposed charter.

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

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

27 Sec. 90. Section 384.16, subsection 6, paragraph c,  
28 subparagraph (1), Code 2026, is amended by striking the  
29 subparagraph.

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

32 (1) The governing body must institute proceedings to enter  
33 into a loan agreement payable from the general fund by causing  
34 a notice of the meeting to discuss entering into the loan  
35 agreement, including a statement of the principal amount and

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

8 Sec. 92. Section 384.25, subsection 3, paragraph a, Code  
9 2026, is amended to read as follows:

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

22 Sec. 93. Section 384.26, subsection 3, paragraph b, Code  
23 2026, is amended to read as follows:

24 b. Notice of the election must be given by publication as  
25 ~~required by [section 49.53](#) in a newspaper of general circulation~~  
26 ~~in the city~~ provided in chapter 618. At the election the  
27 ballot used for the submission of the proposition must be in  
28 substantially the form for submitting special questions at  
29 general elections.

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

33 Notwithstanding the provisions of [subsection 2](#), a council  
34 may, in lieu of calling an election, institute proceedings  
35 for the issuance of bonds for a general corporate purpose by

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

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

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

31 Sec. 96. Section 400.3, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended  
32 to read as follows:

33 2. If the city council appoints a commission, the city  
34 council may, by ordinance, abolish the commission, and the  
35 commission shall stand abolished sixty days from the date of

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

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

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

26 Sec. 98. Section 403.8, subsection 2, paragraph a, Code  
27 2026, is amended to read as follows:

28 a. A municipality may dispose of real property in an  
29 urban renewal area to private persons only under reasonable  
30 competitive bidding procedures it shall prescribe, or as  
31 provided in **this subsection**. A municipality, by public notice  
32 ~~by publication in a newspaper having a general circulation in~~  
33 ~~the community published as provided in chapter 618~~, thirty  
34 days prior to the execution of a contract to sell, lease, or  
35 otherwise transfer real property, and prior to the delivery

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 follows:

2 **403A.28 Public hearing required.**

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

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

14 **419.9 Public hearing.**

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

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

34 3. Special charter cities which prior to and concurrently  
35 with the taking effect of **this subsection** collect general city

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

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

14 **420.214 Sale of real estate — notice.**

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

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

30 **420.286 Procedure.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 ~~unincorporated area~~ as provided in chapter 618 at least ten  
2 days prior to the meeting at which it is proposed to take  
3 action for the issuance of the bonds.

4 Sec. 108. Section 423F.3, subsection 3, paragraph d, Code  
5 2026, is amended to read as follows:

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

18 Sec. 109. 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  
21 this chapter for an athletic facility infrastructure project  
22 within the scope of the school district's approved revenue  
23 purpose statement or pursuant to [subsection 4](#) for a school  
24 district without an approved revenue statement, the board of  
25 directors shall adopt a resolution setting forth the proposal  
26 for the athletic facility infrastructure project and hold an  
27 additional public hearing on the issue of construction of the  
28 athletic facility. Notice of the time and place of the public  
29 hearing shall be published not less than ten nor more than  
30 twenty days before the public hearing ~~in a newspaper which is~~  
31 ~~a newspaper of general circulation in the school district as~~  
32 provided in chapter 618. If at any time prior to the fifteenth  
33 day following the hearing, the secretary of the board of  
34 directors receives a petition containing the required number  
35 of signatures and asking that the question of the approval of

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

24 Sec. 110. Section 423F.4, subsection 2, paragraph a, Code  
25 2026, is amended to read as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

35 On or before October 8 the county auditor shall cause to

1 be published ~~in official newspapers of general circulation~~  
2 as provided in chapter 618 the final equalization order.

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

10 Assessed values are equalized by the department of revenue  
11 every two years. Local taxing authorities determine the final  
12 tax levies and may reduce property tax rates to compensate  
13 for any increase in valuation due to equalization. If you  
14 are not satisfied that your assessment as adjusted by the  
15 equalization order is correct, you may file a protest against  
16 such assessment with the board of review on or after October  
17 9, to and including October 31.

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

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

1 statement that, after the sale, if the parcel is not redeemed  
2 within the period provided in [chapter 447](#), the right to redeem  
3 expires and a deed may be issued.

4 Sec. 115. Section 447.10, Code 2026, is amended to read as  
5 follows:

6 **447.10 Service by publication — fees.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

31 5. At least one public hearing shall be held by the city  
32 council or county board of supervisors no sooner than ninety  
33 days but no later than one hundred twenty days from receipt of  
34 the request for siting approval. A hearing shall be preceded  
35 by published notice ~~in an official newspaper of the county of~~

1 ~~the proposed site, including in any official newspaper located~~  
2 ~~in the city of the proposed site~~ as provided in chapter 618.

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

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

8 Sec. 120. Section 468.34, Code 2026, is amended to read as  
9 follows:

10 **468.34 Advertisement for bids.**

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

29 Sec. 121. Section 468.82, Code 2026, is amended to read as  
30 follows:

31 **468.82 Payment.**

32 The board, at the time of making the levy, shall fix a time  
33 within which all assessments in excess of one hundred dollars  
34 may be paid, and before any bonds are issued, publish notice  
35 ~~in an official newspaper~~ as provided in chapter 618 in the

1 county where the district is located, of such time. After the  
2 expiration of such time, no assessments may be paid except  
3 in the manner and at the times fixed by the board in the  
4 resolution authorizing the issue of the bonds.

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

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

14 Sec. 123. Section 468.507, Code 2026, is amended to read as  
15 follows:

16 **468.507 Notice of election.**

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

28 Sec. 124. Section 618.1, Code 2026, is amended to read as  
29 follows:

30 **618.1 Publications in English.**

31 1. All notices, proceedings, and other matter whatsoever  
32 of a governmental entity, required by law or ordinance to  
33 be published ~~in a newspaper~~, shall be published only in the  
34 English language ~~and in newspapers published primarily in the~~  
35 English language on the statewide public notice internet site

1 established pursuant to section 618.3A and on the government  
2 entity's official internet site such that the notice is clearly  
3 identifiable and accessible, if such an internet site exists.

4 2. A governmental entity may elect via local ordinance to  
5 provide all notices, proceedings, and other matter whatsoever,  
6 required by law or ordinance to be published for publication in  
7 a newspaper should that government entity determine publication  
8 in a print edition of a newspaper is in the best interests of  
9 its constituents.

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

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

22 (2) Display a link conspicuously on the homepage of the  
23 internet site of the newspaper to the statewide public notice  
24 internet site established pursuant to [section 618.3A](#) ~~if such~~  
25 ~~an internet site exists.~~

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

28 f. Publish the address of the statewide public notice  
29 internet site established pursuant to [section 618.3A](#), ~~if such~~  
30 ~~an internet site exists,~~ in each edition of the newspaper  
31 in the section of the newspaper regularly designated for  
32 the publication of public notices, and on the section of  
33 the newspaper's internet site regularly designated for the  
34 publication of public notices, if the newspaper operates an  
35 internet site.

1     *g.* Post all notices and reports of proceedings required by  
2 statute to be published within the state by the newspaper to  
3 the statewide public notice internet site established pursuant  
4 to [section 618.3A](#), ~~if such an internet site exists~~, at no  
5 additional cost.

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

8     2. If no newspaper meeting the requirements of subsection  
9 1, paragraphs "a" through "d", is published in the jurisdiction  
10 of a governmental entity, the governmental entity may satisfy  
11 public notice requirements through publication ~~in a newspaper~~  
12 ~~meeting the requirements of [subsection 1](#), paragraphs "a"~~  
13 ~~and "c"~~, and on the statewide public notice internet site  
14 established pursuant to [section 618.3A](#) and on the governmental  
15 entity's official internet site such that the notice is clearly  
16 identifiable and accessible, if such an internet site exists.

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

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

1 to the nearest dollar. The calculation and publication of  
2 the rate by the director of the department of administrative  
3 services shall be exempt from the provisions of chapters 17A  
4 and 25B.

5 NEW SUBSECTION. 4. An electronic certificate of posting on  
6 the statewide public notice internet site shall be delivered  
7 to the governmental entity and constitute proof of publication  
8 for all legal purposes.

9 EXPLANATION

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

12 This bill relates to local government including the approval  
13 of policies or rules of subunits of political subdivisions by  
14 ordinance and the posting of public notices.

15 DIVISION I. The bill prohibits a department, office, or  
16 other subunit of a county or city from making internal policies  
17 or rules without the board of supervisors or council approving  
18 such action through an ordinance. The subunit must submit the  
19 policy or rule to the board of supervisors or city council  
20 for approval and the policy or rule must then be approved by  
21 ordinance adopted by the board of supervisors or city council.  
22 Any ordinance adopted by a county or city shall be accompanied  
23 with a cost analysis that presents the cost to taxpayers and  
24 businesses and other economic impacts of the ordinance. This  
25 information shall be made accessible to the public on the  
26 official internet site of the county or city.

27 DIVISION II. The bill requires a governmental entity, as  
28 defined in the bill, to post a statutorily required public  
29 notice, as defined in the bill, on the statewide public notice  
30 internet site.

31 The bill amends sections throughout the Code that require  
32 the publication of public notice to require the notice to be  
33 posted consistent with the requirements of the bill.