

The Commission on the Aging was created by the 61st General Assembly to investigate problems of the aging in Iowa, to make recommendations to appropriate state agencies and to cooperate with private and governmental agencies at all levels in programs and services needed by the aging. Today, the commission is an advocate for older Iowans and is responsible for developing a comprehensive and coordinated system of services and activities needed by older persons. The commission is appointed by the governor for four-year terms and meets at least six times each year. The governor appoints an executive director, who, in turn, appoints the staff of the state agency. The executive director and staff are accountable to the commission for policy and program funding decisions.

The basic concerns of the commission are income, health, housing, educational opportunities, employment, transportation, nutrition, volunteer opportunities, recreational activities, spiritual well-being and community involvement in the problems of older Iowans.

## **APPEAL BOARD**

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The State Appeal Board is governed by four separate chapters of the Code of Iowa. Chapter 23 covers public contracts and bonds and allows citizens to appeal from decisions of municipalities on public improvements. Chapter 24 covers local budget laws whereby citizens can appeal on budgets adopted by municipalities. Chapter 25 covers claims against the state of Iowa and by the state of Iowa against municipalities. Chapter 25A covers tort claims filed by people against the state of Iowa when a state agency or any of its employees may have caused negligence, a wrongful act or omission. The Appeal Board reviews all claims under chapters 25 and 25A after receiving recommendations from the special assistant attorney general for claims, and may pay such claims. Claims denied under Chapter 25 are referred to the Iowa Legislature.

## **APPELLATE DEFENDER'S OFFICE, IOWA STATE**

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In the fall of 1979, the Supreme Court Cost of Litigation Committee recommended the development of the State Appellate Defender's Office and in 1980, such an office was created by the Iowa Legislature.

The major function of the office is to represent indigent criminal defendants on appeals to the Iowa Supreme Court.

Major objectives of the office include: reducing the cost of criminal appeals within the state, reducing unnecessary delays in the administration of criminal appeals, and providing high quality appellate representation to indigent criminal defendants.

The state appellate defender is appointed by a commission.

## **ARCHAEOLOGIST, STATE**

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A law passed by the 58th General Assembly stipulates that the board of regents shall appoint a state archaeologist who shall be a member of the faculty of the department of anthropology at the University of Iowa. The archaeologist has the primary responsibility for the discovery, location and excavation of archaeological remains, and is required to coordinate all such activities through cooperation with the Department of Transportation, the Conservation Commission and other state agencies. The archaeologist is empowered to enter agreements and cooperative efforts with federal agencies, and is authorized to issue educational and scientific reports pertaining to duties.