

Civil Rights Commission

8th Floor — 507 10th St., Des Moines 50319

Appointed by the governor for four-year terms

MARGUERITE COTHORN, Des Moines; term expires 1985
 JANE EASTIN, Bettendorf; term expires 1985
 RACHEL W. EVANS, Fort Dodge, term expires 1985
 GRETCHEN HAMLETT, Des Moines; term expires 1987
 JAMES HARMON, Estherville; term expires 1985
 LARRY HARRIS, Waterloo; term expires 1987
 PAUL MURPHY, Clinton; term expires 1985
 JOSEPH RODRIGUEZ, Davenport; term expires 1987
 ARTIS VAN ROEKEL REIS, Des Moines, executive director

Under an act of the 61st General Assembly as amended, the Civil Rights Commission is charged with investigating, holding hearings, and rendering decisions on any complaints of unfair or discriminatory practices in public accommodations, employment, credit, housing, apprenticeship programs, on-the-job training programs, and vocational schools; on the basis of age, race, creed, color, sex, religion, national origin or disability; and with planning and conducting programs designed to eliminate racial, religious, cultural and intergroup tensions. The commission consists of seven members appointed by the governor to staggered terms of four years subject to the advice and consent of the Senate. No more than four members of the commission shall belong to the same political party, and its membership shall represent as wide an area as practical. Hearings are provided in the event of failure of conciliation, and orders resulting from such hearings are subject to judicial review. Commission officers are elected by the members and serve for one year starting on May 1.

College Aid Commission, Iowa

201 Jewett Building

WILLIAM R. FERGUSON, chair, Glidden; term expires 1983
 ROBERT D. BENTON, Des Moines; term is continuous
 MARY ANN BROWN, Mt. Pleasant; term expires 1986
 REP. HORACE DAGGETT, Kent; term expires 1983
 SEN. ARTHUR L. GRATIAS, Nora Springs; term expires 1983
 KARL F. LANGROCK, Des Moines; term expires 1983
 ROBERT PHIPPS, Fairfield; term expires 1985
 JOHN PRIHODA, Marshalltown; term expires 1983
 R. WAYNE RICHEY, Des Moines; term expires 1983
 JOHN RIGLER, Muscatine; term expires 1986
 MARILYN TUCKER, Cedar Rapids; term expires 1985
 WILLIS ANN WOLFF, executive director

The Iowa College Aid Commission is the only state agency responsible for planning and administering programs of assistance to both public and private colleges and universities throughout Iowa. Represented on the 11-member commission are the Board of Regents, the Department of Public Instruction, Iowa private colleges and universities, the Vocational Education Advisory Council, each house of the Iowa Legislature, Iowa lending institutions, Iowa students and the general public. The lender, student, general public and private college representatives are appointed by the governor. The state superintendent of public instruction serves by virtue of office. The remaining four members are appointed by the bodies they represent.

Established in April 1964, to implement the federal assistance program for construction of academic facilities provided by the Higher Education Facilities Act of 1963, the commission now administers the programs described below.

Grants for Academic Facilities and Instructional Equipment

The commission receives applications from colleges and universities for federal funds under Titles VII A and VI B of the Higher Education Act of 1965, verifies their eligibility and assigns relative priorities for grants. On the basis of these priority ratings, the commission recommends to the U.S. Office of Education the distribution of

Iowa's allotted funds. The funds are used in the construction or remodeling of classroom, laboratory, library and administration facilities, and for classroom equipment. This program has not been funded since 1974.

State Of Iowa Scholarships

In May 1965, the Iowa Legislature authorized establishment of a state-supported scholarship fund. Appropriations for awards in 1982-83 were \$350,000 in state funds equally matched by federal funds. Monetary recipients are selected on the basis of academic ability and financial need. Certificates of achievement are awarded to applicants who demonstrate high academic achievement.

Iowa Guaranteed Student Loan Program

This program, implemented in 1979, permits students to borrow from commercial lending institutions at a low rate of interest subsidized by the federal government on easy repayment terms. The loans are insured by the Iowa College Aid Commission and reinsured by the federal government under the terms of an agreement with the ICAC.

Iowa Tuition Grant Program

In 1969, the General Assembly established the Iowa Tuition Grant Program to provide financial assistance for Iowa students enrolled in Iowa's private colleges and universities. Funding for this program in 1982-83 was \$15,650,000, with a maximum grant of \$1,700. The amount of the grant, based on the student's estimated financial need, is limited to tuition and fees minus the average that the student would pay at a state university.

Iowa Vocational-Technical Tuition Grant Program

The 65th General Assembly established the Iowa Vocational-Technical Tuition Grant Program to provide financial assistance to needy Iowa resident students enrolled in vocational-technical courses at public area schools in the state. Qualified students may receive a maximum of \$400 per year. In 1982-83, the program was funded at \$550,000 in state funds matched by \$441,648 in federal funds.

State Student Incentive Grants

This federal program of matching funds for state scholarships and grants was authorized in the Education Amendments of 1972, but was not funded until fiscal year 1974. These funds have been used primarily to supplement the state appropriations for State of Iowa Scholarships and Iowa Vocational-Technical Tuition Grants. In 1982-83, the Iowa allocation was \$791,648.

Higher Education General Information Survey (HEGIS)

In cooperation with the National Center for Education Statistics, the commission coordinates annual collection of data from Iowa postsecondary schools. An annual *Digest* based on the HEGIS data is published by the commission.

Osteopathic Subvention Program

The commission supervises payment of state funds to the College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery, Des Moines. These funds totaled \$450,000 in fiscal year 1982 and \$450,000 in fiscal year 1983.

Optometric Training Program

The commission is authorized to contract with colleges of optometry in other states for admission of Iowa residents. Fiscal year 1983 funding was \$60,000.

National Guard Education Benefits

The program, established in 1978, provides grants of up to \$250 per year toward the educational expenses of enlisted members of the Iowa National Guard. Recipients must be enrolled in at least a half-time program as undergraduates at an eligible Iowa postsecondary institution. Fiscal year 1983 funding was \$25,000.

Podiatric Training Program

The commission is authorized to contract with colleges of podiatry in other states for admission of Iowa residents. Fiscal year 1983 funding was \$20,000.

State Student Financial Aid Training Program

The commission administers federal grants under Title IV, Higher Education Act of 1965, to design and develop training programs for college financial aid administrators.

Commerce Commission, Iowa State

Lucas Building, Des Moines 50319

ANDREW VARLEY, chair, Adair County; term expires 1989

CHRISTINE A. HANSEN, commissioner, Polk County; term expires 1987

PAUL FRANZENBURG, commissioner, Polk County; term expires 1985

Appointed by the Commission

ROBERT G. HOLETZ, executive secretary, Polk County

JAMES R. MARET, commerce counsel, Dallas County

RAYMOND K. VAWTER, JR., director of Public Utilities Division, Polk County

ROBERT J. LATHAM, director of Rates Research Division, Polk County

EARL W. DICK, director of Grain Warehouse Division, Polk County

JOHN E. HENSEL, director of administration, Polk County

The Iowa State Commerce Commission operates under an array of statutes delegating legislative authority and responsibility as to the economic regulation of public utilities, grain warehouses and grain dealers located in the state. Prior responsibilities of the agency relating to the regulation of railroads and motor transportation activities were transferred by act of the 65th General Assembly to the newly created Iowa Department of Transportation, effective July 1, 1975.

The primary function of the commission in recent years has been in the area of public utility rate regulation under Chapter 476 of the Iowa Code. Heretofore, this code chapter has accorded the commission extensive authority over the rates and charges of almost all of the investor-owned gas, electric, telephone and water companies serving the people of this state. During 1976, the 66th General Assembly, by Senate File 1258, added to the commission's rate making authority the responsibility for establishing just and reasonable rates for electric utility service as provided by the Rural Electric Cooperatives operating in Iowa. Additional responsibility for the demarcation of electric service territories for all utility operations in the state was delegated by the same legislation. And during the same session, the General Assembly, by House File 1450, made the commission responsible for certification of virtually all electric generating plant construction in the state.

In 1980, the jurisdiction of the commission was expanded under House File 2550 to include programs designed to promote the use of cost effective energy conservation strategies by rate or service-regulated gas and electric utilities. The commission may initiate these programs to accumulate sufficient data to evaluate alternatives. Under the law, the commission may also require or authorize a public utility to establish peak load management procedures.

During 1982, at the direction of the 69th General Assembly, the commission established the Operations Review Division. The General Assembly directed the commission "to implement a program for the continuous review of operations of rate regulated public utilities with respect to all matters that affect rates or charges for utility service." The Operations Review Division is responsible for reviewing utility operations and recommending policies for meeting customer utility needs at the lowest cost.

Both new and basic functions mentioned must be performed in the context of continuing responsibilities for acting upon applications seeking approval to construct and operate gas pipelines and electric transmission lines, and for investigating and resolving complaints regarding activities directed by utility company management.

The commission anticipates that it will continue to be faced with the need to process upwards of 500 formal tariff filings per year, made on behalf of approximately 106 rate regulated utilities, of which approximately 45 filings will require prosecution through trial-type hearing procedures and formal agency decisions on evidence of record. These filings will include approximately 20 major rate increase proposals, amounting to \$100 million per year. By its decisions to date, the commission has ordered refunds to the public of approximately \$45 million on an annual basis.