

Office of Disaster Services

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The adjutant general has general direction and control of the Office of Disaster Services, and is responsible to the governor for the carrying out of civil defense and emergency planning, and in the event of disaster beyond local control, may assume direct operational control over all or any part of the civil defense and emergency planning functions within the state of Iowa.

The division is under the management of the director of disaster services, who is appointed by the governor.

The director is vested with the authority to administer civil defense and emergency planning affairs within the state of Iowa, including man-made or natural disasters, and is also responsible for preparing and executing the civil defense and emergency planning programs of the state, subject to the direction of the governor and supervisory control of the executive director of the Department of Public Defense.

The director is also responsible for the preparation of a comprehensive plan and program for the civil defense and emergency resources management of the state, and to coordinate the preparation of plans and programs for civil defense and emergency planning for the political subdivisions and various departments of the state. Such plans are to be integrated into and coordinated with a comprehensive state emergency program for the state of Iowa as coordinated by the director of public defense to the fullest possible extent. The director is also responsible for making such studies and surveys of the industries, resources and facilities in the state of Iowa as may be necessary to determine the capabilities of the state for civil defense and emergency resources management and to plan for the most efficient emergency use thereof.

State Armory Board

MG ROGER W. GILBERT, chair, Des Moines
 BG WARREN G. LAWSON, Johnston
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 COL ROBERT L. SENTMAN, Oxford
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Section 29A.57, Code of Iowa, provides the authority, powers and responsibilities of the board. The Adjutant General serves as chairman of the board. The powers and responsibilities of the board include: (1) procurement of land or real estate for location or construction of armories, facilities and outdoor training sites; (2) administer federal and state funds assigned for construction and maintenance of armories and facilities, and coordinate utilization of armories and facilities as required for administration, training and support of the National Guard.

PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS BOARD, IOWA

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JOHN E. BEAMER, chairman; term expires 1986
 JAMES A. MCCLIMON, board member; term expires 1988
 PETER L. J. PASHLER, board member; term expires 1988

The Public Employment Relations Act, enacted in 1974, has as its avowed public purpose the promotion of "harmonious and cooperative relationships between government and its employees." Specifically, the statute grants employees of the state and its political subdivisions, including cities, counties and school districts, the right to join and participate in employee organizations, and the right to bargain collectively through such employee organizations.

The act contains detailed procedures by which employees can exercise those rights, including provisions for the determination of appropriate bargaining units, representation elections in which employees may select an employee organization to bargain on their behalf, prohibited practice provisions which proscribe certain conduct and activities, and provisions requiring the periodic reporting of finances by employee organizations.

The Public Employment Relations Board is vested with the administration of this act. As a quasi-judicial administrative agency, operating under the Iowa Administrative Procedures Act, the board conducts hearings and issues legal decisions in unit determination and representation matters, prohibited practice complaints and petitions for declaratory ruling. A staff of hearing officers also performs, by delegation, this function. In addition, the board administers the remaining provisions of the act. In that regard, the board administers the remaining provisions of the act. In that regard, it provides mediators, fact-finders and arbitrators in collective bargaining impasses; it collects data and conducts studies relating to wages, hours, benefits and other terms and conditions of public employment; and it collects registration reports and annual reports, including financial statements, from employee organizations.

There are approximately 160,000 public employees in Iowa, employed by the state and some 1,500 political subdivisions. Nearly half of those employees have exercised rights granted by the statute, and belong to units which have selected an employee organization to represent them in collective negotiations with their employers. It is the responsibility of the Public Employment Relations Board to oversee those negotiations and assure that the rights of these employees are preserved and protected.

PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, IOWA STATE DEPARTMENT OF

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LUCAS DEKOSTER, president, Hull; term expires 1988

DIANNE L.D. PACA, vice president, Garner; term expires 1986

WESLEY S. CHAPMAN, Des Moines; term expires 1990

JOLLY ANN DAVIDSON, Clarinda; term expires 1986

STEPHEN C. GERARD, Sigourney; term expires 1990

KAREN K. GOODENOW, Wall Lake; term expires 1990

JOHN MOATS, Council Bluffs; term expires 1988

MARY E. ROBINSON, Cedar Rapids; term expires 1986

SUSAN M. WILSON, Waterloo; term expires 1988

The State Board of Public Instruction consists of nine members appointed by the governor with the approval of two-thirds of the members of the Senate. Not more than five members shall be of the same political party.

The state board is a policy-making body of lay people, with the same relationship to all the public schools in Iowa as that existing between the local board of education and the local district.

The state board is given the authority by statute to appoint the state superintendent. The term for this office is four years with the first appointment effective Jan. 1, 1955. This has since been changed effective in 1979 with the term now beginning on July 1, 1979, and each four years thereafter. The law provides for the appointment of a deputy superintendent and employment of the professional staff and clerical personnel deemed necessary by the board to carry out its obligations.

The functions of the Iowa State Department of Public Instruction are classified into three categories: leadership, regulatory and operational.

Educational leadership is the major purpose served by the department. Although the department provides other services, its primary purpose is the growth and development of education in the state for the benefit of all Iowans. Through such leadership, the department helps to mobilize, unify and coordinate all the positive forces concerned with improving education. It strives to give common direction to the efforts of all.

Such leadership involves analyzing the nature and future direction of education and communicating with the public about such trends. This leadership role is also exercised by (1) planning for each major area of service and coordinating the planning for the state program of education, (2) conducting research to assist in formulation of policy and evaluation of programs, (3) offering advisory services by persons specialized in certain phases of school operations, (4) providing coordination to promote unity and encourage proper balance, (5) supplying information to keep the public aware of educational needs and progress and (6) supporting in-service education to foster the continuing growth of all persons engaged in education in the state.