SENATE FILE 2434
BY COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 3175)

(As Amended and Passed by the Senate March 10, 2026)

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A BILL FOR

An Act relating to local government, including the approval of action by ordinance, and including applicability provisions.

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.

c. This subsection shall not apply to any public safety agency, as defined in section 34.1, subsection 4, or to offices under the direction of county officers referenced in section 39.17.

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 county in which the largest population of the city resides.

c. This subsection shall not apply to any public safety agency, as defined in section 34.1, subsection 4.

Sec. 3. APPLICABILITY. This Act applies to all policies, rules, and ordinances adopted or implemented on or after the effective date of this division of this Act.

