

19 into said high school district and filing a record of such action with  
20 said county superintendent.

21 (3) If the said school board of the high school district agrees to  
22 accept said school district not operating a high school, said county  
23 board shall approve or disapprove said merger proposal. The county  
24 superintendent shall fix a time and place for filing objections, cause  
25 one notice thereof to be published at least ten (10) days prior thereto  
26 in a newspaper published within the high school district or if none is  
27 published therein then in a newspaper of general circulation in the  
28 high school district; and in the event of the filing prior to said time of  
29 a petition signed by voters in the high school district involved equal  
30 in number to at least twenty percent (20%) of the number of eli-  
31 gible voters or four hundred (400) voters, whichever is the smaller  
32 number, objecting to such board action, the entire action shall be void  
33 and in order to effect said merger it shall be necessary to proceed as  
34 provided in section two hundred seventy-five point twelve (275.12).  
35 In case of a controversy over county plans which would affect a pro-  
36 posed merger, said merger must have the approval of the state board  
37 of public instruction which decision shall be final and no further  
38 action shall be taken until such approval is granted. Any county  
39 board of education affected or either local board of education in-  
40 volved may submit the controversy to the state department of public  
41 instruction within ten (10) days after the decision of the county  
42 board or county boards of education.

43 (4) If approved as set forth above, an election shall be held as  
44 provided in this chapter in said school district not operating a high  
45 school and if approved by a majority of those voting, said district  
46 shall become merged with said high school district on the July 1 fol-  
47 lowing said election."

1 SEC. 2. This Act being deemed of immediate importance shall  
2 take effect and be in force from and after the publication in the  
3 Rockford Register, a newspaper published in Rockford, Iowa, and in  
4 the Corydon Times-Republican, a newspaper published in Corydon,  
5 Iowa.

Approved May 5, 1959.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Act, Senate File 336, was published in the Rock-  
ford Register, Rockford, Iowa, May 13, 1959, and in the Corydon Times-Republican,  
Corydon, Iowa, May 14, 1959.

MELVIN D. SYNHORST, *Secretary of State.*

## CHAPTER 193

### SCHOOL EMPLOYEES SICK LEAVE

H. F. 55

AN ACT relating to sick leave for public school employees.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

1 SECTION 1. Section two hundred seventy-nine point forty (279.40),  
2 Code 1958, is hereby amended by striking the words "a maximum" in

3 line fourteen (14) and inserting in lieu thereof the words "at least a  
4 total".

1 SEC. 2. Section two hundred seventy-nine point forty (279.40),  
2 Code 1958, is further amended by adding thereto the following:

3 "Nothing in this section shall be construed as limiting the right of  
4 a school board to grant more time than the days herein specified."

1 SEC. 3. Section two hundred seventy-nine point forty (279.40),  
2 Code 1958, is further amended by adding thereto the following:

3 "Cumulation of sick leave by virtue of this section shall not be af-  
4 fected or terminated by reason of the organization of a Community  
5 School District or districts which include all or the portion of the dis-  
6 trict which employed the particular public school employee for the  
7 school year previous to such organization, if such employee is em-  
8 ployed by one of such community school districts for the first school  
9 year following its organization.

Approved February 11, 1959.

## CHAPTER 194

### TERMINATION OF TEACHERS' CONTRACTS

#### S. F. 1

AN ACT to amend section two hundred seventy-nine point thirteen (279.13), Code 1958, to provide for a conference between the board of directors of a school district and a teacher before such teacher is notified of termination of contract.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

1 SECTION 1. Section two hundred seventy-nine point thirteen  
2 (279.13), Code 1958, is hereby amended as follows:

3 1. By striking the word "in" in line seventy-one (71) and by in-  
4 serting in lieu thereof the following:

5 "provided, however, that at least ten (10) days prior to mailing of  
6 any notice of termination the board or its agent shall inform the  
7 teacher in writing that (1) the board is considering termination of  
8 said contract and that (2) the teacher shall have the right to a pri-  
9 vate conference with the board if the teacher files a request therefor  
10 with the president or secretary of the board within five (5) days;  
11 and if within five (5) days after receipt by the teacher of such writ-  
12 ten information the teacher files with the president or secretary of the  
13 board a written request for a conference, the board shall, before any  
14 notice of termination is mailed, give the teacher written notice of the  
15 time and place of such conference and shall hold a private conference  
16 between the board and teacher and his representative if the teacher  
17 appears at such time and place. In".

18 2. By adding the following:

19 "The term 'teacher' as used in this section shall include all certifi-  
20 cated school employees, including superintendents."

Approved February 9, 1959.