

CHAPTER 333

MUNICIPAL STATUTES STUDY COMMITTEE

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A JOINT RESOLUTION to create a special interim study committee on municipal statutes and to make an appropriation therefor.

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

1 SECTION 1. A twelve-member study committee is created to make a
2 comprehensive study of the statutes relating to municipal corporations.
3 The committee shall consist of three members of the cities and towns com-
4 mittee of the senate appointed by the president of the senate, three mem-
5 bers of the cities and towns committee of the house of representatives
6 appointed by the speaker of the house, one member of the legislative re-
7 search committee or its successor agency, and four municipal officials, at
8 least one of whom shall be a city attorney, and one citizen chosen by the
9 governor. The legislative members shall be chosen in each house on a bi-
10 partisan basis. However, the legislative research committee or its successor
11 agency shall select one of its members to serve on the committee. The
12 municipal members shall be chosen as follows: one from a town, one from
13 a city under ten thousand population, one from a city over ten thousand
14 and under fifty thousand population, and one from a city over fifty thou-
15 sand population. Should a vacancy occur on the committee, the person or
16 authority originally appointing the member whose position is vacant shall
17 appoint a successor.

1 SEC. 2. The committee shall organize by choosing officers and shall
2 adopt rules for conduct of its meetings. With the approval of the legislative
3 research committee or its successor agency, the committee is authorized
4 to employ a secretary and such other aids and employees as are necessary
5 to conduct its business and to fix their compensation. The committee may
6 hold public hearings and shall have access to all official records, may sub-
7 poena witnesses and compel the production of books, papers, or other docu-
8 ments pertaining to its investigation and study. Witnesses shall be entitled
9 to statutory witness fees and travel expense as audited and approved by
10 the committee. The committee may appoint subcommittees of its members
11 to hold hearings and conduct investigations in any part of the state. Any
12 member shall have the power to administer oaths.

1 SEC. 3. The committee shall review state statutes as they apply to
2 city and town government and shall recommend appropriate revisions
3 which will implement home rule and facilitate the solution of local prob-
4 lems by local initiative.

1 SEC. 4. The committee shall make such periodic progress reports of
2 the study to the legislative research committee or its successor agency as
3 may be required. The legislative research committee or its successor may
4 assign staff to the committee and shall coordinate staff assistance for the
5 committee. The committee shall make comprehensive recommendations to
6 the general assembly by way of code revision bills and other reports.

1 SEC. 5. The committee is authorized to use any existing facility of
2 state government and shall seek cooperation of municipal officials.

1 SEC. 6. Legislative members of the committee shall be reimbursed for
2 their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the discharge of their du-
3 ties and shall be paid their same per diem payments as when in regular
4 session for days actually engaged in committee work. The four municipal
5 officials and the citizen member of the committee may receive the same re-
6 imbursement for expenses incurred in the discharge of their duties as is
7 paid state employees for travel expenses.

1 SEC. 7. The report of the committee shall be submitted to the gover-
2 nor and to the general assembly members no later than thirty days after
3 convening of the general assembly in 1970, unless it is impossible to com-
4 plete the project by that date, but no later than thirty days after conven-
5 ing of the general assembly in 1971, and on making such report shall stand
6 discharged.

1 SEC. 8. There is hereby appropriated from the general fund of the
2 state the sum of twenty-five thousand (25,000) dollars or so much thereof
3 as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

4 Compensation and expenses of employees of the committee shall be paid
5 in the manner determined by the committee. Per diem and expenses of
6 legislative members of the committee shall be paid in the same manner as
7 are per diem and expenses of the members of the Legislative Research
8 Committee or its successor agency.

1 SEC. 10.* This Act being deemed of immediate importance shall be in
2 full force and effect after its publication in the Ames Daily Tribune, a
3 newspaper published in Ames, Iowa, and in The Daily Gate City, a news-
4 paper published in Keokuk, Iowa.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, House Joint Resolution 15, was published in
the Ames Daily Tribune, Ames, Iowa, May 27, 1969 and in The Daily Gate City, Keokuk, Iowa,
May 28, 1969.

MELVIN D. SYNHORST, *Secretary of State.*

*According to enrolled resolution.