

CHAPTER 206

COMMISSION FORM CITIES

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AN ACT relating to commission form cities.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section three hundred sixty-three B point two
2 (363B.2), Code 1971, is amended as follows:

3 **363B.2 Council—cities of less than 30,000 population.** [Cities]
4 *Except as otherwise provided in section 363B.3, cities* operating under
5 the commission form of government, and having a population of less
6 than thirty thousand, shall be governed by a council consisting of a
7 mayor and two councilmen elected at large. One councilman shall be
8 elected to preside over the departments of accounts and finances and
9 public safety. One councilman shall be elected to preside over the de-
10 partments of parks and public property and streets and public im-
11 provements.

1 SEC. 2. Section three hundred sixty-three B point three (363B.3),
2 Code 1971, is amended as follows:

3 **363B.3 Reduction or increase in population.** Whenever any city
4 shall have been organized on the commission plan on or before July 4,
5 1951, no reduction or increase of the population of such city, shown by
6 a subsequent census shall have any effect upon the organization and
7 number of councilmen but the same shall continue, remain, and be as
8 then by law prescribed for cities of the population such city had at the
9 time its electors voted to adopt such plan of government as shown by
10 the then preceding census.

11 *If a city with the commission form of government and a council con-*
12 *sisting of a mayor and four councilmen has a reduction in population*
13 *to less than thirty thousand, as determined by the federal decennial*
14 *census conducted in 1970 or a subsequent certified federal census, the*
15 *council may submit to the voters of the city, either at the next regular*
16 *city election or at a special election, the question of whether to change*
17 *to a council consisting of a mayor and two councilmen, as provided in*
18 *section 363B.2. If the question is submitted at a special election and*
19 *the change is approved by a majority of the voters, the change shall*
20 *become effective with the term of office beginning the following Jan-*
21 *uary. If the question is submitted at the next regular election and the*
22 *change is approved by a majority of the voters, the change shall be-*
23 *come effective with the term of office beginning in January two years*
24 *subsequent to the January next following the election. If the question*
25 *is submitted at either the next regular election or a special election and*
26 *a change is not approved by a majority of the voters, the city shall*
27 *continue to be governed by a council consisting of a mayor and four*
28 *councilmen, as provided in section 363B.1.*

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Italics indicate new material added to existing statutes; brackets indicate deletions from existing statutes.
However, see Editor's note, page iii.