

9 deprive the court of jurisdiction insofar as the property owner is con-
 10 cerned, unless a lienholder can show prejudice thereby, and in such
 11 instances the appeal, as it affects the property owner, is legalized and
 12 validated.

13 Any award of damages and judgment for costs, in any such pro-
 14 ceeding, which has been set aside or vacated, by reason of the failure
 15 of the property owner to serve notice of appeal on a lienholder within
 16 the statutory period required under section four hundred seventy-two
 17 point eighteen (472.18) of the Code, shall be reinstated by the court
 18 where such award and judgment was entered after notice and hear-
 19 ing, as prescribed by the court, and after a finding that such lienholder
 20 will not be prejudiced thereby.

Approved April 22, 1972.

CHAPTER 1121

MERGED AREA SCHOOLS

H. F. 1101

AN ACT to legalize and validate proceedings for the establishment, organization, formation, and changes in the boundaries of merged area school systems.

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

1 SECTION 1. All proceedings taken after January 1, 1969 and
 2 prior to January 1, 1972, purporting to provide for the establishment,
 3 organization, formation, and changes in the boundaries of merged
 4 areas under the provisions of chapter two hundred eighty A (280A),
 5 Code 1971, and not heretofore declared invalid by any court, are
 6 legalized, validated, and confirmed.

1 SEC. 2. The foregoing shall not be construed to affect any litiga-
 2 tion that may be pending at the time this Act becomes effective involv-
 3 ing the establishment, organization, formation, or changes in the
 4 boundaries of any such merged area.

Approved April 21, 1972.

CHAPTER 1122

COMMISSION ON STATUS OF WOMEN

H. F. 1140

AN ACT to establish a commission on the status of women and to define its powers and duties.

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

1 SECTION 1. **Establishment.** There is established a commission on
 2 the status of women, hereinafter referred to as the "commission",