

CHAPTER 1217
GENDER DESIGNATION IN CODE
H.F. 2346

AN ACT requiring the Code editor to amend certain words in the Code which designate one gender to reflect both genders where appropriate.

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

Section 1. The Code editor, in carrying out the duties specified in chapter 14 relating to publication of the Code, shall edit the Code in order that words which designate one gender will be changed to reflect both genders when the provisions of law apply to persons of both genders. The editorial work shall be completed in time for publication in the Code to be issued following the 1984 legislative session. However, if the editorial work cannot be completed for publication in the Code by that date, the Code editor shall report that fact to the senate committee on judiciary and the house committee on judiciary and law enforcement, with the reasons why the work cannot be completed. The Code editor shall complete the remainder of the editorial work in time for publication in the Code to be issued following the 1986 legislative session.

The Code editor shall not make any substantive changes to the Code while performing the editorial work. The Code editor shall seek direction from the senate committee on judiciary and the house committee on judiciary and law enforcement before making any changes which appear to require substantial editing and which might otherwise be interpreted to exceed the scope of the Code editor's authority. The Code editor shall submit questions, report periodically on the progress of the editorial work, and prepare a report outlining the changes for the committees. The Code editor shall maintain a record of the changes and the reasons for the changes. The record shall be available to the public.

Sec. 2. This Act shall have no application to chapters 245, 246 and 595, Code 1981.

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