

of the city or ward, as the case may be, have the right to file a petition requiring that the vacancy be filled by a special election. The council may publish notice in advance if an elected official submits a resignation to take effect at a future date. The council may make an appointment to fill the vacancy after the notice is published or after the vacancy occurs, whichever is later. However, if within fourteen days after publication of the notice or within fourteen days after the appointment is made, whichever is later, there is filed with the city clerk a petition which requests a special election to fill the vacancy and which is signed by eligible electors who are, or would be if registered, entitled to vote to fill the office in question, equal in number to two percent of those who voted for candidates for the office at the last preceding regular election at which the office was on the ballot, but not less than ten persons, an appointment to fill the vacancy is temporary and the council shall call a special election to fill the vacancy permanently, under paragraph "b". The number of signatures of eligible electors of a city for a valid petition shall be determined as follows:

(1) For a city with a population of ten thousand or less, at least two hundred signatures or at least the number of signatures equal to fifteen percent of the voters who voted for candidates for the office at the preceding regular election at which the office was on the ballot, whichever number is fewer.

(2) For a city with a population of more than ten thousand but not more than fifty thousand, at least one thousand signatures or at least the number of signatures equal to fifteen percent of the voters who voted for candidates for the office at the preceding regular election at which the office was on the ballot, whichever number is fewer.

(3) For a city with a population of more than fifty thousand, at least two thousand signatures or at least the number of signatures equal to ten percent of the voters who voted for candidates for the office at the preceding regular election at which the office was on the ballot, whichever number is fewer.

(4) The minimum number of signatures for a valid petition pursuant to subparagraphs (1) through (3) shall not be fewer than ten.

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CHAPTER 1053

HEALTH-RELATED REGULATION

H.F. 2427

AN ACT to repeal certain health-related regulation responsibilities of the department of agriculture and land stewardship.

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

Section 1. Section 159.6, subsections 7, 11, and 12, Code 1987, are amended by striking the subsections.

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CHAPTER 1054**LIABILITY FOR CERTAIN JOB-RELATED REPORTS***H.F. 2247*

AN ACT relating to an action for slander or libel for a report or statement made to the division of job service of the department of employment services.

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

Section 1. Section 96.11, subsection 7, paragraph b, subparagraph (2), Code Supplement 1987, is amended to read as follows:

(2) A report or statement, whether written or verbal, made by a person to the division or to a person administering this law is a privileged communication. A person is not liable for slander or libel on account of such a the report or statement unless the report or statement is made with malice.

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CHAPTER 1055**STATE FAIR SECURITY***S.F. 2216*

AN ACT providing that the state fair board may make an agreement with the department of public safety to provide security during the annual fair and exposition and interim events.

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

Section 1. Section 173.14, subsection 10, Code Supplement 1987, is amended to read as follows:

10. Make an agreement with the Iowa highway department of public safety patrol to provide for security during the annual fair and exposition and interim events.

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CHAPTER 1056**RECIPROCITY FOR PRIVATE INVESTIGATORS AND SECURITY OFFICERS***S.F. 2202*

AN ACT relating to the licensing of private investigators and private security officers, providing for the issuance of temporary permits to certain persons pursuant to reciprocal agreement, making penalties applicable, and providing other properly related matters.

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

Section 1. **NEW SECTION. 80A.18 RECIPROCITY.**

A person who holds a valid license to act as a private investigator or as a private security officer issued by a proper authority of another state, based on requirements and qualifications similar to the requirements of this chapter, may be issued a temporary permit to so act in this state, if the person's licensing jurisdiction extends by reciprocity similar privileges to a