

CHAPTER 77
RURAL WATER DISTRICTS
H.F. 128

AN ACT relating to administrative procedures and the joint investment of funds of rural water districts.

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

Section 1. Section 331.555, subsection 6, Code 1995, is amended to read as follows:

6. The treasurer shall keep all funds invested to the extent practicable and may invest the funds jointly with one or more counties, judicial district departments of correctional services, cities, ~~or city utilities,~~ or rural water districts created under chapter 357A pursuant to a joint investment agreement. All investments of funds shall be subject to sections 12B.10 and 12B.10A and other applicable law.

Sec. 2. Section 357A.2, unnumbered paragraph 3, Code 1995, is amended to read as follows:

The petition shall be signed by the owners of at least ~~thirty~~ fifty percent of all real property lying within the outside perimeter of the area designated for inclusion in the proposed district, and shall state:

Sec. 3. Section 357A.8, subsection 1, Code 1995, is amended to read as follows:

1. For an annual meeting of participating members between January 1 and ~~March~~ May 1 of each year following the year of incorporation of the district, and for the mailing of written notice of the time and place of each annual meeting to each participating member and publication of ~~such~~ the notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the district not less than ten nor more than thirty days prior to each meeting.

Sec. 4. Section 357A.11, Code 1995, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 12. Place all funds in investments to the extent practicable and may invest the funds jointly with one or more counties, judicial district departments of correctional services, cities, or city utilities pursuant to a joint investment agreement. All investments of funds shall be subject to sections 12B.10 and 12B.10A and other applicable law.

Sec. 5. Section 357A.20, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 1995, is amended to read as follows:

A nonprofit corporation incorporated under chapter 504A for the specific purpose of operating a rural water system may petition the supervisors for incorporation of a district, in the manner provided by section 357A.2. The signatures of the corporation's officers on the petition and a resolution adopted by the corporation's board of directors approving the petition shall suffice in lieu of signatures of owners of ~~fifty~~ thirty percent of the real property in the proposed district, if the corporation presents evidence satisfactory to the supervisors that a sufficient number of members of the proposed district will subscribe to benefit units to make its operation feasible. The procedure for hearing and determination of disposition of the petition shall be as provided by this chapter.

Sec. 6. Section 384.21, Code 1995, is amended to read as follows:

384.21 JOINT INVESTMENT OF FUNDS.

A city or a city utility board shall keep all funds invested to the extent practicable and may invest the funds jointly with one or more cities, utility boards, judicial district departments of correctional services, ~~or counties,~~ or rural water districts created under chapter 357A pursuant to a joint investment agreement. All investments of funds shall be subject to sections 12B.10 and 12B.10A and other applicable law.

Sec. 7. Section 905.6, subsection 4, Code 1995, is amended to read as follows:

4. Prepare all budgets and fiscal documents, and certify for payment all expenses and payrolls lawfully incurred by the district department. The director may invest funds which are not needed for current expenses, jointly with one or more cities, city utilities, ~~or~~ counties, or rural water districts created under chapter 357A pursuant to a joint investment agreement. All investment of funds shall be subject to sections 12B.10 and 12B.10A and other applicable law.

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CHAPTER 78

DISCLOSURE OF FEE DETERMINATIONS FOR DENTAL CARE BENEFIT COVERAGE

H.F. 139

AN ACT relating to the disclosure of the methods used by insurance companies and nonprofit health service corporations to determine the usual and customary fees for dental care benefit coverages.

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

Section 1. NEW SECTION. 514C.3A DENTAL COVERAGE REIMBURSEMENT RATES.

1. An individual or group policy of accident or health insurance or individual or group hospital or health care service contract issued pursuant to chapter 509, 514, or 514A, and delivered, amended, or renewed on or after July 1, 1996, that provides dental care benefits with a base payment for those benefits determined upon a usual and customary fee charged by licensed dentists, shall disclose all of the following:

- a. The frequency of the determination of the usual and customary fee.
- b. A general description of the methodology used to determine usual and customary fees, including geographic considerations.
- c. The percentile that determines the maximum benefit that the insurer or nonprofit health service corporation will pay for any dental procedure, if the usual and customary fee is determined by taking a sample of fees submitted on actual claims from licensed dentists and then determining the benefit by selecting a percentile of those fees.

2. The disclosure shall be provided upon request to all group and individual policyholders and subscribers. All proposals for dental care benefits shall inform the prospective policyholder or subscriber that information regarding usual and customary fee determinations is available from the insurer or nonprofit health service corporation. All employee benefit descriptions or supplemental documents shall notify the employee that information regarding reimbursement rates is available from the employer.

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