

and made a domestic judgment so far as not inconsistent with the laws of this state, and the same remedies may thereupon be had upon such judgment as if it had been recovered originally in this state.

Sec. 32. Section 626A.2, Code 1995, is amended to read as follows:

**626A.2 FILING AND STATUS OF FOREIGN JUDGMENTS.**

1. A copy of a foreign judgment authenticated in accordance with an Act of Congress or the statutes of this state may be filed in the office of the clerk of the district court of a county of this state which would have venue if the original action was being commenced in this state. The clerk shall treat the foreign judgment in the same manner as a judgment of the district court of this state. A judgment so filed has the same effect and is subject to the same procedures, defenses and proceedings for reopening, vacating, or staying as a judgment of the district court of this state and may be enforced or satisfied in like manner.

2. In a proceeding to enforce a child support order, the law of this state shall apply except as follows:

a. In interpreting a child support order, a court shall apply the law of the state of the court that issued the order.

b. In an action to enforce a child support order, a court shall apply the statute of limitations of this state or the state of the court that issued the order, whichever statute provides the longer period of limitations.

**DIVISION VII  
INTEREST ACCRUAL**

Sec. 33. Section 535.3, Code 1995, is amended to read as follows:

**535.3 INTEREST ON JUDGMENTS AND DECREES.**

1. Interest shall be allowed on all money due on judgments and decrees of courts at the rate of ten percent per year, unless a different rate is fixed by the contract on which the judgment or decree is rendered, in which case the judgment or decree shall draw interest at the rate expressed in the contract, not exceeding the maximum applicable rate permitted by the provisions of section 535.2, which rate must be expressed in the judgment or decree. The interest shall accrue from the date of the commencement of the action, except as otherwise provided in subsection 3.

2. This section does not apply to the award of interest for judgments and decrees subject to section 668.13.

3. Interest on periodic payments for child, spousal, or medical support shall not accrue until thirty days after the payment becomes due and owing.

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**CHAPTER 1142**

**ADVISORY COMMISSION ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

*S.F. 2071*

**AN ACT** creating an advisory commission on intergovernmental relations, specifying its membership and its powers and duties, providing for other properly related matters, and providing an effective date.

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

**Section 1. NEW SECTION. 28J.1 FINDINGS AND OBJECTIVES.**

The general assembly finds that there is a need for an intergovernmental body to study and report on the following:

1. Current pattern of local governmental structure.
2. Powers and functions of local governments, including their fiscal powers.
3. Existing, necessary, and desirable relationships among local governments and the state.
4. Necessary and desirable allocation of state and local fiscal resources.
5. Necessary and desirable roles of the state as the creator of local government systems.
6. Special problems in interstate areas facing their general local governments, interstate regional units, and areawide bodies.

The studies, where possible, shall be conducted in conjunction with studies of commissions on intergovernmental relations of other states.

Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 28J.2 COMMISSION CREATED – MEMBERSHIP.

1. An Iowa advisory commission on intergovernmental relations is created.
2. The membership of the commission shall be:
  - a. Four elected or appointed state officers, four elected or appointed county officers, four elected or appointed city officers, four elected or appointed officers of school corporations, and one member or staff member of a regional council of governments established under chapter 28H, appointed by the governor.
  - b. Two state senators appointed by the majority leader of the senate.
  - c. Two state representatives appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.
3. In making all appointments, consideration shall be given to gender, race, or ethnic representation, population and demographic factors, and representation of different geographic regions. All appointments shall comply with sections 69.16 and 69.16A.
4. The initial chairperson of the commission shall be designated by the governor from among the commission members for a term of one year. Subsequent chairpersons shall be elected by the commission from among its membership for a term of one year. A vice chairperson may be elected by the commission from among its membership for a one-year term. In case of the absence or disability of the chairperson and vice chairperson, the members of the commission shall elect a temporary chairperson by a majority vote of those members who are present and voting.
5. The members shall be appointed to two-year staggered terms and the terms shall commence on February 1 of the year of appointment. If a vacancy occurs, a successor shall be appointed to serve the unexpired term. If a member ceases to be an officer or employee of the governmental unit or agency which qualifies the person for membership on the commission, a vacancy exists and a successor shall be appointed in the same manner and subject to the same qualifications as the original appointment to serve the unexpired term.
6. Of the members who are county officers appointed by the governor, not more than two shall be members of the same political party. Of the members appointed by the majority leader of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives, not more than one from each house shall be a member of the same political party.
7. A majority of the commission constitutes a quorum.

Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 28J.3 POWERS AND DUTIES.

The commission shall:

1. Engage in activities and make studies and investigations as necessary or desirable to accomplish the purposes specified in section 28J.1.
2. Encourage and, where appropriate, coordinate studies relating to intergovernmental relations conducted by universities, state, local, and federal agencies, and research and consulting organizations.
3. Review the recommendations of national commissions studying federal, state, and local government relationships and problems and assess their possible application to this state.
4. Carry out studies and investigations relating to intergovernmental problems and relations as requested by the legislative council.

Sec. 4. NEW SECTION. 28J.4 ORGANIZATIONS – MEETINGS.

1. The commission shall meet quarterly and at other times as necessary. The commission may hold public hearings on matters within its purview.
2. The commission may establish committees as it deems advisable and feasible, whose membership shall include at least one member of the commission, but only the commission may take final action on a proposal or recommendation of a committee.
3. The commission is not an agency as defined in, or for the purpose of, chapter 17A.
4. All meetings of the commission or a committee established by the commission at which public business is discussed or formal action is taken, shall comply with the requirements of chapter 21.

Sec. 5. NEW SECTION. 28J.5 STAFF – FACILITIES – EXPENSES.

1. The commission and committees established by the commission may accept technical and operational assistance from the staff of the legislative service bureau and the legislative fiscal bureau, other state or federal agencies, units of local governments, or any other public or private source. The directors of the legislative service bureau and the legislative fiscal bureau may assign professional, technical, legal, clerical, or other staff, as necessary and authorized by the legislative council for continued operation of the commission. However, the technical and operational assistance shall be provided within existing appropriations made to or with existing resources of the legislative service bureau and legislative fiscal bureau to carry out their powers and duties.
2. The legislative council may also provide available facilities and equipment as requested by the commission.
3. The members of the commission are entitled to reimbursement for travel and other necessary expenses incurred in the performance of official duties. Each member may also be eligible to receive compensation as provided in section 7E.6. The expenses shall be paid from funds appropriated pursuant to section 2.12.

Sec. 6. NEW SECTION. 28J.6 REPORTS.

The commission shall submit an annual report of its findings and recommendations to the governor, president of the senate, speaker of the house, and the majority and minority leaders of each house, and make the report available to legislators upon request. The report shall also be made available to the public.

Sec. 7. NEW SECTION. 28J.7 INFORMATION.

The commission may request from any state agency or official the information and assistance as needed to perform the duties of the commission. A state agency or official shall furnish the information or assistance requested within the authority and resources of the state agency or official. This section does not require the production or opening of any public record which is required by law to be kept confidential.

Sec. 8. NEW SECTION. 28J.8 FUTURE REPEAL.

This chapter is repealed effective July 1, 2002.

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