

## CHAPTER 1133

### COUNTY BOARDS OF SUPERVISORS' PROCEEDINGS AND RESOLUTIONS — PUBLICATION

S.F. 2227

**AN ACT** relating to the publication of county resolutions.

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

Section 1. [Section 349.16, subsection 1](#), Code 2018, is amended to read as follows:

1. The proceedings of the board of supervisors, as furnished by the county auditor, excluding from the publication of said proceedings, its canvass of the various elections, as provided by law; the complete text of any questions or propositions submitted to the registered voters of the county by the board of supervisors, which shall be published with the required notice of a general or special election; witness fees of witnesses before the grand jury and in the district court in criminal cases.

Sec. 2. [Section 349.18, subsection 3](#), Code 2018, is amended to read as follows:

3. a. The county auditor shall furnish a copy of the proceedings to be published, within one week following the adjournment of the board. The county auditor shall include either a summary of all resolutions or the complete text of resolutions adopted by the board in the furnished copy of the proceedings. As used in [this subsection](#), “summary” means a narrative description of the resolution setting forth the main points of the resolution in a manner calculated to inform the public in a clear and understandable manner the meaning of the resolution and to provide the public with sufficient notice of the policy stated or action to be taken, as resolved by the board in the resolution. The narrative description shall include the title of the resolution, an accurate and intelligible synopsis of the essential elements of the resolution, a statement that the description is a summary, the location and the normal business hours of the office where the full text of the resolution may be inspected, and the effective date of the resolution. Legal descriptions of property set forth in a resolution shall be described in full. The narrative description shall be written in a clear and coherent manner and shall, to the extent possible, avoid the use of technical or legal terms not generally familiar to the public. When necessary to use technical or legal terms not generally familiar to the public, the narrative description shall include definitions of those terms.

b. In addition to the requirements in paragraph “a”, if a county operates an internet site, the county auditor shall post the full text of all resolutions adopted by the board on the internet site. Any posted summary or text of a full resolution shall include links directing readers to information relevant to the content of the resolution.

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