



## HOUSE REPUBLICAN STAFF ANALYSIS

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### Emergency Response Districts

- Amends Code to change Emergency Response Districts from a pilot project for certain counties to an available option for all counties, cities, or townships who wish to create one.
- Authorizes counties, cities, and townships to establish emergency response districts to better provide fire protection and emergency medical services to residents of the districts.

### Section by Section Analysis

#### Section 1 – Authorization and purpose (Iowa Code 357J.1)

Strikes language referring to emergency districts as a pilot program in Iowa Code.

The purpose of this chapter of code is to better serve citizens of the state by preventing/reducing duplication, overlap, and fragmentation of functions of special districts to reduce costs and increase efficiency.

#### Section 2 – Definitions (Iowa Code 357J.2)

Strikes board of supervisors from definitions and redefines the “commission” as a governing body composed of a member or designee of each governmental entity (county, city, or township) that is a member of the emergency response district.

#### Section 3 – Notification of public hearing (Iowa Code 357J.3)

New section - Requires each governmental entity intending to participate in an emergency response district shall issue a notice of a public hearing concerning the establishment of a proposed district. The hearing must take place between 30-90 days after the notice.

The notice shall include the explanation of need for fire and emergency medical services, the geographic boundaries of the district, the number of families inside the district, and the proposed personnel, equipment, and facilities to provide the services.

#### Section 4 – District - boundary changes (Iowa Code 357J.4)

Amends existing code so the boundaries of the emergency districts may only change upon the approval of the commission and each governmental entity participating in the district.

#### Section 5 – Dissolution of district (Iowa Code 357J.5)

New section – Incorporation documents of an emergency district shall include provisions for dissolution, the withdrawal of a governmental entity, and the dispensing of property in the case of either event.

#### Section 6 – REPEAL (Iowa Code 357J.5,6,7,8,9,14)

Repeals sections of code that no longer apply after the transition from pilot program.