

Iowa Code Chapter 27B

ENFORCEMENT OF STATE, LOCAL, AND MUNICIPAL LAWS

COMPLAINT PROCESS AND FORM

Iowa Code Chapter 27B was enacted in 2021. The statute imposes requirements and restrictions on “local entities” (the governing body of a city or county, including an officer or employee). The requirements and restrictions include the following:

- A local entity or law enforcement department shall not adopt or enforce a policy or take any other action under which the local entity or law enforcement department prohibits or discourages the enforcement of state, local, or municipal laws.
- A local entity or a person employed by or otherwise under the direction or control of a local entity shall not consider race, skin color, language spoken, or national origin while enforcing state, local, and municipal laws except to the extent permitted by the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of the State of Iowa.

Any person may file a complaint with the Iowa Attorney General alleging that a local entity has violated the statute. The complaint must be accompanied with evidence to support the allegation of violation and must include all the evidence you have to support the violation. The complaint will not be valid unless the Attorney General determines the violation was intentional.

The statute lays out a procedure for the review of valid complaints by the Attorney General. Local entities are given opportunities to correct violations. The statute empowers the Attorney General to file a civil action for on-going, intentional violations and provides for loss of state funding in certain cases

Printable Complaint Form for Alleged Violations of Iowa Code Chapter 27B:

Click [here](#) for a printable complaint form. After completing and printing, mail, fax or email to the contact information below. For the Attorney General to pursue a complaint, you must include your full name, address, and phone number.

NOTE: Please include copies of any additional supporting documents or evidence and retain the original documents for your records. Contact:

Email: Webteam@ag.iowa.gov

Fax: 515-281-6771

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