

SUBCHAPTER 10

STATUS OF AFRICAN AMERICANS

216A.141 Definitions.

For purposes of this subchapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

1. *“Commission”* means the commission on the status of African Americans.
2. *“Office”* means the office on the status of African Americans of the department of human rights.

88 Acts, ch 1201, §1

C89, §601K.141

91 Acts, ch 50, §3

C93, §216A.141

2010 Acts, ch [1031](#), [§148](#), [149](#), [170](#)

Subsection 1 stricken and former subsection 2 renumbered as 1

Subsection 3 amended and renumbered as 2

216A.142 Commission on the status of African Americans established.

1. The commission on the status of African Americans is established and shall consist of seven members appointed by the governor, subject to confirmation by the senate. All members shall reside in Iowa. At least five members shall be individuals who are African American.

2. Terms of office are staggered four-year terms. Members whose terms expire may be reappointed. Vacancies on the commission shall be filled for the remainder of the term of and in the same manner as the original appointment. The commission shall meet quarterly and may hold special meetings on the call of the chairperson. The members of the commission shall be reimbursed for actual expenses while engaged in their official duties. Members may also be eligible to receive compensation as provided in [section 7E.6](#).

3. Members of the commission shall appoint a chairperson and vice chairperson and other officers as the commission deems necessary. A majority of members of the commission shall constitute a quorum. A quorum shall be required for the conduct of business of the commission, and the affirmative vote of a majority of the currently appointed members is necessary for any substantive action taken by the commission. A member shall not vote on any action if the member has a conflict of interest on the matter, and a statement by the member of a conflict of interest shall be conclusive for this purpose.

88 Acts, ch 1201, §2

C89, §601K.142

91 Acts, ch 50, §4

C93, §216A.142

2010 Acts, ch [1031](#), [§150](#), [170](#)

Confirmation, see [§2.32](#)

Section stricken and rewritten

216A.143 Commission powers and duties.

The commission shall have the following powers and duties:

1. Study the opportunities for and changing needs of the African American community in this state.
2. Serve as liaison between the office and the public, sharing information and gathering constituency input.

3. Recommend to the board for adoption rules pursuant to [chapter 17A](#) as it deems necessary for the commission and office.

4. Recommend executive and legislative action to the governor and general assembly.

5. Establish advisory committees, work groups, or other coalitions as appropriate.

88 Acts, ch 1201, §3

C89, §601K.143

C93, §216A.143

95 Acts, ch [69, §1](#); 2010 Acts, ch [1031, §151, 170](#)

Section stricken and rewritten

[216A.144 and 216A.145 Repealed by 2010 Acts, ch 1031, §168, 170.](#)

[216A.146 Office on the status of African Americans.](#)

The office on the status of African Americans is established and shall do the following:

1. Serve as the central permanent agency to advocate for African Americans.

2. Coordinate and cooperate with the efforts of state departments and agencies to serve the needs of African Americans in participating fully in the economic, social, and cultural life of the state, and provide direct assistance to individuals who request it.

3. Develop, coordinate, and assist other public or private organizations which serve African Americans.

4. Serve as an information clearinghouse on programs and agencies operating to assist African Americans.

88 Acts, ch 1201, §6

C89, §601K.146

91 Acts, ch 50, §6

C93, §216A.146

2003 Acts, ch [145, §286](#); 2010 Acts, ch [1031, §152, 170](#)

Section stricken and rewritten

[216A.147 through 216A.149 Repealed by 2010 Acts, ch 1031, §168, 170.](#)

[216A.150 Reserved.](#)