

# Government Reorganization Saves \$265 Million

The General Assembly has approved two major pieces of legislation that will save taxpayer's \$265 million and result in a more efficient delivery of government services to Iowans.

Senate File 2088 contains over 50 different ideas, both large and small to reorganize state government. It eliminates 14 different boards and commissions, combines state purchasing, consolidates information technology within state government, and cuts down on middle management to keep front line workers in their jobs.

An in depth look at state government was last conducted 25 years ago. To ensure that a review is done on a regular basis, Senate File 2088 requires that a committee be appointed every two years to review state government operations and programs, and bring recommendations to the General Assembly.

## ***Early Retirement Incentive Program for State Employees***

Under the Early Retirement Incentive program, a state employee who is at least 55 years old and files an application to participate in the program by April 15, 2010, is eligible to participate in the early retirement program. The employee must leave state employment by June 24, 2010, and cannot return to state employment if they leave under this plan.

## ***Estimated Savings of \$265 million***

It is estimated that these two pieces of legislation, along with the Governor's executive order making changes in state operations, will result in a savings to Iowa taxpayers of \$265 million.