one (I) of this amendment, and proof of the service of notice shall be made by the affidavit of one or more of the citizens making the return which affidavit shall be returned to and filed with the auditor with the list of names and property sought to be charged; and the return and affidavit of the citizens so filed with the county auditor shall be admissible in evidence in the same way and with the same force and effect as the return of the assessor."

SEC. 3. In effect. This act, being deemed of immediate importance, shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the Iowa State Register and the Des Moines Leader, newspapers published in Des Moines,

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Approved April 7, 1902.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Act was published in the Iowa State Register and the Des Moines Leader, April 8, 1902.

W. B. MARTIN, Secretary of State.

CHAPTER 96.

RELATING TO SURETY ON BONDS OF PARTIES KEEPING INTOXICATING LIQUORS FOR SALE.

H. F. 321.

AN ACT to amend subdivision three (3), of section twenty-four hundred forty-eight (2448) of the code, relating to surety on bonds.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Ioroa:

SECTION I. Surety companies. That subdivision three (3), of section twenty-four hundred forty-eight (2448) of the code, be and the same is hereby amended by adding after the word "bond", at the end of the eighth (8th) line of said subdivision three (3), the following words:

"Provided that any surety company, authorized to do business in this state, under the laws thereof, may become sole surety on any and all bonds required

under this section."

Approved April 9, 1902.

CHAPTER 97.

COMMISSIONER OF LABOR STATISTICS.

S. F. 211.

AN ACT relating to the duties of the commissioner of labor statistics, and amending section[s] twenty-four hundred and seventy (2470), twenty-four hundred and seventy-one (2471) and twenty-four hundred and seventy-two (2472) of the code.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Ivwa:

SECTION I. **Duties—report.** That section twenty-four hundred and seventy (2470) of the code be and the same is hereby amended by inserting after the words "laboring classes" in the fifth line thereof, the words "the means of escape from, and the protection of life and health in factories, the employment of children, the number of hours of labor exacted from them and from women".

SEC. 2. Witness fees—how paid. That section twenty-four hundred and seventy-one (2471) of the code be and the same is hereby amended by striking out in the seventh line thereof the words "contingent fund of the bureau in advance" and insert in lieu thereof the words "general funds of the state on voucher by the commissioner".