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 Iowa:

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".

SEC. 3. Violation or neglect—written notice—prosecution. That section twenty-four hundred and seventy two (2472) of the code be and the same is hereby amended, by striking out the "semicolon" after the word "thereof" in the tenth line the proof and invented the semicological and the se

in the tenth line thereof and insert a "period", and the words:

"If the commissioner shall learn of any violation of, or neglect to comply with the law in respect to the employment of children, or in respect to fire escapes, or the safety of employes, or for the prescriation of health, he shall give written notice to the owner or person in charge of such factory or building, of such offense or neglect, and if the same is not remedied within sixty days after service of such notice, such officer shall give the county attorney of the county in which such factory or building is situated, written notice of the facts, whereupon that officer shall immediately institute the proper proceedings against the person guilty of such offense or neglect."

Approved April 11, 1902.

CHAPTER 98.

MINES AND MINING.

H. F. 12.

AN ACT to amend [section twenty-four hundred and seventy-nine (2479) of] chapter nine (9) title twelve (XII) of the code, in relation to mines and mining.

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

SECTION I. Board of examiners. That chapter nine (9) title twelve (12) of the code be and the same is hereby amended by striking out section twenty-four hundred and seventy-nine (2479) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"The executive council shall appoint a board of five examiners consisting of two practical miners and two mine operators, all holding certificates of competency as mine foremen, at least one of whom shall also hold a certificate of competency as hoisting engineer, and one mining engineer, each of whom shall have had at least five years' actual experience in his profession immediately preceding his appointment, who shall hold office for a term of two years. The members of said board shall qualify by taking oath to perform the duties devolving upon them fairly, faithfully and impartially, without fear or favor, uninfluenced by personal or political considerations. No member of said board shall be interested in or connected with any school, scheme, plan or device having for its object the preparation, education or instruction of persons in the knowledge required of applicants for certificates of competency. Any member of said board shall be summarily removed from office by the executive council, upon due notice and hearing, for violation of the law, misfeasance or malfeasance in the performance of his duties, or for other sufficient cause, and his successor shall thereupon be appointed by the said executive council for the unexpired term."

Approved March 25, 1902.

CHAPTER 99.

MINES AND MINING.

H. F. 13.

AN ACT to amend section twenty-four hundred and eighty-two (2482) of the code, relating to mines and mining.

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

SECTION 1. Inspection of mines—how often. That section twenty-four hundred and eighty-two (2482) of the code be and the same is hereby amended by inserting after the comma following the word "permit", and before the word "keep" in the ninth line thereof, the following: