

CHAPTER 201.

TOWNSHIPS AND TOWNSHIP OFFICERS.

H. F. 446.

AN ACT to amend section five hundred seventy-eight (578) of the code, relative to the posting of the statement of receipts and expenditures by the township clerk.

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

1 SECTION 1. Receipts and expenditures. That section five hun-
2 dred seventy-eight (578) of the code, be and the same is hereby
3 amended by striking out of line five (5) the word "year" and insert-
4 ing in lieu thereof, the words "two years".

Approved April 16, A. D. 1915.

CHAPTER 202.

PREVENTION OF THE PROCREATION OF HABITUAL CRIMINALS, ETC.

H. F. 365.

AN ACT to repeal the law as it appears in chapter nineteen-B (19-B) of title twelve (12) supplement to the code, 1913, and to enact a substitute therefor to prevent the procreation of the insane, idiots, imbeciles and feeble-minded.

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

That the law as it appears in chapter nineteen-B (19-B) of title twelve (12) supplement to the code, 1913, be and the same is hereby repealed and the following enacted in lieu thereof:

1 SECTION 1. Sterilization authorized. That whenever the super-
2 intendent of any state hospital for the insane and a majority of his
3 medical staff shall, after investigation and examination, agree that it
4 is for the best interests of the patient and society, they are hereby
5 authorized to perform, or cause to be performed by some capable
6 physician or surgeon, the operation of sterilization on any such patient
7 confined in said institution afflicted with insanity, idiocy, imbecility,
8 feeble-mindedness or syphilis; provided that said operation is approved
9 by the board of control or a majority of the members thereof; and
10 provided further, that the superintendent of the hospital shall have
11 secured the written consent of the husband or wife, if the patient is a
12 married person, and if an unmarried person, the written consent of
13 the parent, guardian or next of kin, if any there be within this state,
14 that said operation be performed.

1 SEC. 2. Operation defined. The operation to be performed upon
2 a male person shall be what is known as vasectomy, and upon a female
3 patient what is known as section of the Fallopien tubes with im-
4 plantation in the uterine muscles.