

## 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".

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it appears in chapter nineteen-B (19-B) of title twelve (12) supplement to the code, 1913, be and the same is hereby repealed and the following enacted in lieu thereof: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

1     **SEC. 3. Annual report.** The board of control shall make an an-  
 2 nual report to the governor of the state fully covering their proceed-  
 3 ings under the authority of this act, and also their observations and  
 4 statistics regarding its benefits.

1     **SEC. 4. Unauthorized operation—penalty.** Except as author-  
 2 ized in this act every person who shall perform, encourage, assist in,  
 3 or otherwise promote the performance of either of the operations de-  
 4 scribed in section two (2) of this act for the purpose of destroying  
 5 the power to procreate the human species, or any person who shall  
 6 knowingly permit either of such operations to be performed upon such  
 7 person, unless the same shall be a medical necessity, shall be fined not  
 8 more than one thousand (\$1,000) or imprisoned in the penitentiary  
 9 not to exceed one year, or both.

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## CHAPTER 203.

### STATE LAW-ENFORCING AGENTS.

H. F. 98.

AN ACT to authorize the appointment of special agents to aid in the detection, identification, capture and conviction of criminals, delinquents and defectives, and to require the co-operation and assistance of all sheriffs, police and peace officers and all other officers charged with the care, supervision and jurisdiction over criminals, delinquents or defectives.

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

1     **SECTION 1. Special agents—appointment.** The governor is here-  
 2 by authorized to appoint not more than four (4) special agents, whose  
 3 duty it shall be, under the direction of the governor, to aid in the  
 4 capture, detention, arrest and prosecution of persons committing  
 5 crime or violating the laws of this state.

1     **SEC. 2. Powers.** Said special agent or agents shall have the same  
 2 power in any part of the state to make arrests and file information,  
 3 and otherwise enforce the law of the state, as any county attorney,  
 4 sheriff, marshal, constable, police officer or other peace officer in each  
 5 county, and in the performance of his duty he may call to his aid any  
 6 county attorney, sheriff, marshal, constable, or other police or peace  
 7 officer.

1     **SEC. 3. Salary—expenses—tenure.** Such special agent or agents  
 2 shall receive such salary as shall be fixed by the governor by and with  
 3 the approval of the executive council, to be paid from any moneys in  
 4 the general fund not otherwise appropriated, and shall also receive his  
 5 or their actual expenses incurred in the discharge of his or their  
 6 duties, the same to be audited and paid by the executive council in the  
 7 same manner as expenses of state officers; provided, however, that