

CHAPTER 281.

LAWS EFFECTIVE ON PUBLICATION.

S. F. 149.

AN ACT to repeal section thirty-six-a (36-a), supplement to the code, 1913, and to enact a substitute therefor relating to the distribution of laws becoming effective by publication.

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

1 SECTION 1. Statutes effective on publication—distribution. That
2 section thirty-six-a (36-a), supplement to the code, 1913, be and the
3 same is hereby repealed and the following enacted in lieu thereof:
4 "Whenever an act of the general assembly of a general nature
5 shall take effect by publication the secretary of state shall forthwith
6 send by mail to each clerk of the district court a certified copy there-
7 of. Upon the receipt of such copies of such laws the clerk shall file
8 the same in his office and preserve same for a period of not less than
9 six months. All persons shall have access to such copies of laws when
10 so filed and the clerk shall furnish copies thereof on request and may
11 charge and receive therefor ten (10c) cents for every one hundred
12 (100) words."

1 SEC. 2. Publication clause. This act, being deemed of immediate
2 importance, will take effect and be in force from and after its pub-
3 lication in the Des Moines News, a newspaper published in the city
4 of Des Moines, Iowa, and in the Muscatine Journal, a newspaper pub-
5 lished in the city of Muscatine, Iowa.

Approved April 17, A. D. 1915.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the Des Moines News May 3, 1915, and in the Muscatine Journal May 3, 1915.

W. S. ALLEN, *Secretary of State.*

CHAPTER 282.

MRS. C. C. PLATNER, ET AL.

S. F. 37.

AN ACT enabling Mrs. C. C. Platner, and Mrs. George Wilson to share in the policemen's pension fund of the city of Council Bluffs, Iowa.

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

SECTION 1. Confirmation of rights in re policeman's pension
1 fund. That whereas Mrs. C. C. Platner and Mrs. George Wilson
2 are widows respectively of C. C. Platner and George Wilson, and
3 whereas the said C. C. Platner and George Wilson were each members

4 of the police department of the city of Council Bluffs, just prior to
 5 the enactment of chapter sixty-two (62), of the laws of the thirty-
 6 third general assembly, and were shot and died from the result of in-
 7 juries from such shot while in the performance of their duties, and
 8 while attempting to apprehend criminals, and whereas, the said wid-
 9 ows were dependent upon them, and they both survived them, and
 10 whereas the said law did not go into effect until a short time after the
 11 death of said policemen, and whereas, it would be just and right that
 12 said widows should have the benefit of the pension for the widows of
 13 policemen, now, therefore, it is hereby enacted that the provisions
 14 of chapter sixty-two of the thirty-third general assembly shall apply
 15 to said members of the police department the said C. C. Platner and
 16 George Wilson, and that the said widows of the said policemen shall
 17 be entitled to the benefits under the said act as if the death of the
 18 said persons had occurred after the said act went into effect.

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CHAPTER 283.

LIBEL.

S. F. 139.

AN ACT prescribing the damages that may be recovered for publication of libelous matter in newspapers.

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

SECTION 1. Damages recoverable for libel—retraction, etc.
 1 In any action for damages for the publication of a libel in a newspaper,
 2 if the defendant can show that such libelous matter was published
 3 through mis-information or mistake, the plaintiff shall recover no more
 4 than actual damages, unless a retraction be demanded and refused as
 5 hereinafter provided. Plaintiff shall serve upon the publisher at the
 6 principal place of publication a notice specifying the statements claimed
 7 to be libelous, and requesting that the same be withdrawn. And if a
 8 retraction or correction thereof be not published in as conspicuous a
 9 place and type in said newspaper as were the statements complained of,
 10 in a regular issue thereof published within two weeks after such serv-
 11 ice, plaintiff may allege such notice, demand and failure to retract
 12 in his complaint and may recover both actual, special and exemplary
 13 damages if his cause of action be maintained. And, if such retraction
 14 be so published, he may still recover such actual, special and exemplary
 15 damages, unless the defendant shall show that the libelous publication
 16 was made in good faith, without malice and under a mistake as to the
 17 facts. If the plaintiff was a candidate for office at the time of the
 18 libelous publication, no retraction shall be available unless published
 19 in a conspicuous place on the editorial page, nor if the libel was pub-
 20 lished within two weeks next before the election: Provided, that this
 21 act shall not apply to any libel imputing unchastity to a woman.

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