

CHAPTER 9

REPORTS OF PUBLIC OFFICERS--FIXING BIENNIAL FISCAL TERM

H. F. 18

AN ACT to amend, revise, and codify section two hundred ninety-eight (298) of the compiled code of Iowa, and section two hundred ninety-seven (297) of the supplement to said code, relating to the reports of public officers, and fixing the biennial fiscal term.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

That section two hundred ninety-eight (298) of the compiled Code of Iowa, and section two hundred ninety-seven (297) of the supplement to said Code are amended, revised, and codified to read as follows:

Section 1. Biennial fiscal term. The biennial fiscal term of the state ends on the thirtieth day of June in each even-numbered year, and the succeeding biennial fiscal term begins on the day following.

Approved April 26, 1924.

CHAPTER 10

RELATING TO MEMORIAL HALLS AND MONUMENTS FOR SOLDIERS, SAILORS, AND MARINES

S. F. 19

AN ACT to amend, revise, and codify sections thirty-three hundred forty-eight (3348) to thirty-three hundred fifty-one (3351), inclusive, thirty-three hundred fifty-three (3353), thirty-seven hundred sixty-five (3765), thirty-seven hundred sixty-eight (3768), and thirty-seven hundred seventy (3770) of the compiled code of Iowa, and sections thirty-three hundred fifty-two (3352), thirty-seven hundred sixty-seven (3767), and thirty-seven hundred sixty-nine (3769) of the supplement to said code, relating to memorial halls and monuments for soldiers, sailors, and marines.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

That sections thirty-three hundred forty-eight (3348) to thirty-three hundred fifty-one (3351), inclusive, thirty-three hundred fifty-three (3353), thirty-seven hundred sixty-five (3765), thirty-seven hundred sixty-eight (3768), and thirty-seven hundred seventy (3770) of the compiled Code of Iowa, and sections thirty-three hundred fifty-two (3352), thirty-seven hundred sixty-seven (3767), and thirty-seven hundred sixty-nine (3769) of the supplement to said Code are amended, revised, and codified to read as follows:

CHAPTER _____

MEMORIAL HALLS AND MONUMENTS FOR SOLDIERS, SAILORS, AND MARINES

Section 1. Memorial buildings and monuments. Memorial buildings and monuments designed to commemorate the service rendered by soldiers, sailors, and marines of the United States may be erected and equipped at public expense in the manner provided by this chapter by:

1. Any county which has not heretofore made an appropriation for such purpose under any prior law.
2. Any town or city operating under any form of government.

Sec. 2. Petition--requisites, of. The petition for the erection and equipment of any such hall or monument shall request the submission of the proposition to a vote of the people and shall:

1. When it is proposed to erect the same at the expense of the county, be signed by ten per cent (10%) of the qualified electors thereof as shown by the poll list in the last preceding state election, or by a majority of the members of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Spanish-American war veterans' association and the American Legion of the county.

2. When it is proposed to erect the same at the expense of a city or town, be signed by ten per cent (10%) of the qualified electors thereof as shown by the poll list in the last preceding regular municipal election.

Sec. 3. Election called--proposition submitted. Upon the filing of the requisite petition, the board of supervisors, or city or town council, as the case may be, shall cause the proposition to be submitted at a regular election, or a special election to be called if requested in the petition, in substantially the following form:

"Shall the county (or city or town) of _____ erect and equip (or purchase and equip) a memorial building (or erect a monument) as provided in chapter _____ of title _____ of the Code, and issue bonds in the sum of _____ dollars to cover the expense of the same (or levy a tax of _____ mills on the dollar for a period of _____ years) to defray the expense of the same?"

Sec. 4. Notice of election. Notice of such election shall be given by publication in one (1) newspaper published in the county, city, or town, as the case may be, once each week for at least four (4) consecutive weeks. If no newspaper is published therein, then such notice may be given by posting in three (3) public places within the limits of said corporation, and by publication for four (4) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the county; the last publication to be not less than five (5) nor more than twenty (20) days prior to such election.

Sec. 5. Acquisition of site. When the proposition to erect any such building or monument has been carried by a majority vote of all voters voting thereon, any such county, city, or town shall have the power to purchase or condemn grounds suitable for a site for any such building or monument. Such condemnation proceedings shall be in the manner provided for taking private property for works of internal public improvement.

Sec. 6. May issue bonds--limitation. For the purpose of providing funds for the acquisition of necessary ground therefor, and purchasing, erecting, constructing, or reconstructing such building or monument, and for the necessary equipment therefor, the county, city, or town may issue bonds to be known as liberty memorial bonds, to be issued and sold as provided by law relative to general county and city bonds; they shall provide for portions of such bonds to become due at different, definite periods, but none in less than five (5) nor more than fifty (50) years from date. In issuing such bonds, such county, city, or town may become indebted in an amount which, added to all other indebtedness, shall not exceed five per cent (5%) of the actual value of the

taxable property in such county, city, or town as determined by the last state and county tax lists.

Sec. 7. Liquidation. For the purpose of liquidating such bonds together with the interest thereon, such county, city, or town shall levy upon all the property within the limits thereof, subject to taxation for such purpose, in addition to all other taxes provided by law, a special tax not exceeding in any one (1) year eight (8) mills on the dollar for a period of not exceeding fifty (50) years.

Sec. 8. Tax levy. In case a building or monument be constructed or purchased under this chapter, the county, city, or town shall thereafter provide annually a levy of not more than five (5) mills on all the taxable property within said county, city, or town for the development, operation, and maintenance of such building or monument in care of a city or town.

Sec. 9. Commissioners appointed--vacancies. When the proposition to erect any such building or monument has been carried by a majority vote, the board of supervisors or the city or town council, as the case may be, shall appoint a commission consisting of five (5) members, in the manner and with the qualifications herein after provided, which shall have charge and supervision of the erection of said building or monument, and when erected, the management and control thereof. The term of office of each member shall be three (3) years, and any vacancies occurring in the membership shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

Sec. 10. Qualifications--method of appointing. Each such commissioner shall be an honorably discharged soldier, sailor, or marine of the United States, selected in the following manner: Within sixty (60) days after the election, each post of the Grand Army of the Republic, Spanish-American war veterans, and the American Legion, in the county, city or town, as the case may be, shall appoint three (3) delegates who shall, within ninety (90) days after such election, meet in convention in the county, city or town, as the case may be, and by ballot select five (5) commissioners, whose names shall be forthwith furnished to the board of supervisors, or the city or town council, as the case may be, whereupon said board of supervisors, city or town council shall by resolution appoint them as such commissioners.

Sec. 10-a1. Method when one or more posts do not exist. In case no post of any one of said associations is maintained in the county, city or town, as the case may be, then those which do exist shall proceed in the manner above provided and elect said commissioners.

Sec. 10-a2. Method when any post fails to act. In case any post which does exist fails to send delegates to said convention, then the delegates which do attend shall proceed as above indicated and elect said commissioners.

Sec. 10-a3. Method when posts do not act. In case no convention of delegates from said posts meets and elects said commissioners, then the board of supervisors of the county, or the city or town council, as the case may be, shall, at the expiration of ninety (90) days after the election to erect a building or monument, select and appoint five (5) commissioners.

Sec. 10-a4. Selection of successors. Not less than sixty (60) days before the expiration of the term of office of said commissioners, their successors in office shall be selected in the manner above provided, but if no selection shall have been made in said manner at the expiration of said term of office, then the board of supervisors, or the city or town council, as the case may be, shall appoint such successors.

Sec. 10-a5. Ex officio member of commission. In case any such memorial hall or building shall be a city or town hall, coliseum or auditorium, the mayor of such city or town may be an ex officio member of the commission heretofore provided for, in which case there shall be selected but four (4) commissioners as other wise provided, and such four, together with the mayor, shall constitute a commission of five.

Sec. 11. Disbursement of funds. All funds voted under the provisions of this chapter shall be disbursed by the county or city officers, only upon the written order of said commissioners. Such commission shall report to, and make settlement with the board of supervisors or the city council, as the case may be, at the time and in the manner required of county and city officers.

Sec. 12. Gifts and bequests may be accepted. Gifts and bequests to any county, city, or town, or to the commission, for any of the purposes provided in this chapter, may be accepted and the property shall be used in accordance with the provisions of this chapter, and as may be expressly designated by the donor.

Sec. 13. Named by commission -- uses. Any such memorial hall or building shall be given an appropriate name and shall be available so far as practical for the following purposes:

1. The special accommodations of soldiers, sailors, marines, nurses, and other persons who have been in the military or naval service of the United States.

2. For military headquarters, memorial rooms, library, assembly hall, gymnasium, natatorium, club room, and rest room.

3. County, town or city hall, offices for any county or municipal purpose, community house, recreation center, memorial hospital and municipal coliseum or auditorium.

4. Similar and appropriate purposes in general community and neighborhood uses, under the control and regulation of the custodians thereof.

Sec. 14. Memorial halls -- record -- monuments -- how inscribed. When any such memorial hall shall be erected, the commission shall cause to be kept a record therein which shall contain the name of each soldier, sailor, and marine, who served honorably in any of the wars in which the United States has been engaged, and who enlisted or entered the service from the county, city, or town, as the case may be, stating the time of his service, the name of the war and organization in which he served, and whether or not he died in the service. When any such monuments shall be erected, the names of the deceased soldiers, sailors, and marines referred to in this section, shall be placed thereon, and from time to time the names of others who subsequently die.

Sec. 15. Terms applicable to funds, monuments and memorials previously initiated. In any case of funds heretofore raised or in the process of being raised, by tax levy or other provision of law heretofore existing for any of the purposes provided by this chapter, the board of supervisors or the city or town council, as the case may be, shall cause such funds to be used and applied to all intents and purposes for the acquisition of necessary ground and the purchase, erection, construction or reconstruction and equipment of such monument or memorial building in the same manner and to the same extent as if such funds had been raised for said purpose by a bond issue, as provided in this chapter, and all the provisions of this chapter shall apply to said funds.

All other provisions of this chapter shall apply to any monument or memorial heretofore constructed or hereafter constructed from funds raised under any provision of law heretofore existing.

In all cases covered by this section, the taking effect of this act shall fix the time for the selection and appointment of the commissioners to all intents and purposes the same as an election on the proposition to erect a memorial building or monument, as provided in this chapter.

Approved April 4, 1924.

CHAPTER 11
TIME OF HOLDING ELECTIONS--TERMS OF OFFICERS
H. F. 20

AN ACT to amend, revise, and codify chapter one (1) of title four (4), and section eighty-four hundred fifty-six (8456) of the compiled code of Iowa, relating to time of holding elections and the term of office of the officers elected thereat and authorizing the holding of office regardless of sex.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

That chapter one (1) of title four (4) and section eighty-four hundred fifty-six (8456) of the compiled Code of Iowa are amended, revised, and codified to read as follows:

Section 1. General election. The general election for state, district, county, and township officers shall be held throughout the state on Tuesday, next after the first Monday in November of each even-numbered year.

Sec. 2. Special election. Special elections authorized by law, or held to supply vacancies in any office to be filled by the vote of the qualified voters of the entire state, or of any district, county, or township, may be held at the time designated by such law, or by the officer authorized to order such election.

Sec. 3. Proclamation concerning election. At least thirty (30) days before any general election, the governor shall issue his proclamation, designating all the offices to be filled by the vote of all the electors of the state, or by those of any congressional, legislative, or judicial district, and transmit a copy thereof to the sheriff of each county. Said proclamation shall designate by number the several districts in which congressional and judicial officers are to be chosen without other description.

The office of senator in the state legislature shall be designated substantially as follows:

"In the senatorial districts numbered (giving the number of each senatorial district in which a senator is to be chosen), each one (1) senator."

The office of representative in the state legislature shall be designated as follows:

"In the districts numbered (giving the number of each district in which two (2) representatives are to be chosen), each two (2) representatives. In all other representative districts of the state, each one (1) representative."

Sec. 4. Proclamation concerning revision of constitution. In the years in which the constitution requires a vote on the question of calling a convention and revising the constitution, the following question shall be included in said proclamation:

"Shall there be a convention to revise the constitution and amend the same?"