

2 code, 1924, be and the same is hereby amended by adding thereto the
3 following:

4 "Whenever it appears, after the death of any person who has re-
5 ceived aid under the provisions of this chapter, that his estate, after
6 deducting the exemptions now allowed by law, has property over and
7 above a sufficient amount to pay the expenses of his burial and last
8 sickness, such property shall be charged with the amount paid by the
9 county to such person during his life time, and a claim may be filed
10 against his estate by the county for the recovery of the amount, and
11 an action may be brought in the name of the county by the county
12 attorney to recover the same and the statute of limitations shall not
13 be computed until after the death of person receiving aid as above
14 provided."

Approved March 13, A. D. 1925.

CHAPTER 75

COMMISSION FOR THE BLIND

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AN ACT to create a commission for the blind, to define its powers and to make an appropriation therefor.

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

1 **SECTION 1. Membership.** The Iowa commission for the blind is
2 hereby created. Said commission shall consist of the superintendent
3 of the state school for the blind, and two other members to be ap-
4 pointed by the governor.

1 **SEC. 2. Appointment.** On the taking effect of this chapter, the
2 governor shall appoint two members of said board. Said appointees
3 shall forthwith qualify as provided by law and shall serve until July
4 1, 1926, and 1927, the tenure of each appointee to be determined by
5 the governor.

1 **SEC. 3. Tenure.** Prior to July 1st of each year, commencing with
2 1926, the governor shall appoint a member of said board to succeed
3 the member whose term of office expires on said date. All such ap-
4 pointees shall serve for a period of two years from July 1st of the
5 year of appointment.

1 **SEC. 4. Officers—assistants.** The commission shall elect its own
2 officers and shall employ such assistants as may be necessary to carry
3 out the provisions of this act, and hold such meetings as it may deter-
4 mine.

1 **SEC. 5. Expenses.** The members of the commission shall receive
2 no compensation for their services, but shall be entitled to receive
3 their traveling and other necessary expenses incurred in the perform-
4 ance of their duties as members of the commission.

1 **SEC. 6. Bureau of information.** The commission for the blind shall
2 act as a bureau of information and industrial aid for the blind, such
3 as assisting the blind in finding employment, teaching them industries;
4 giving them such assistance as may be necessary or advisable in help-
5 ing the adult blind in marketing their products.

1 **SEC. 7. Duties.** The commission shall:

2 1. Prepare and maintain a complete register of the blind of the
3 state which shall describe the condition, cause of blindness, capacity
4 for education and industrial training, and such other facts as the com-
5 mission deems of value.

6 2. Assist in marketing of products of blind workers of the state.

7 3. Ameliorate the condition of the blind by promoting visits to
8 them in their homes for the purpose of instruction and by such other
9 lawful method as the commission deems expedient.

10 4. Make inquiries concerning the causes of blindness to ascertain
11 what portion of such cases are preventable and cooperate with the
12 other organized agents of the state in the adoption and enforcement
13 of proper preventive measures.

14 5. Provide for suitable vocational training whenever the commis-
15 sion shall deem it advisable and necessary. The commission may
16 establish workshops for the employment of the blind, paying suitable
17 wages for work under such employment. The commission may pro-
18 vide or pay for, during their training period, the temporary lodging
19 and support of persons receiving vocational training. The commission
20 shall have authority as provided in this chapter to use any receipts
21 or earnings that accrue from the operation of workshops, but a de-
22 tailed statement of receipts or earnings and expenditures shall be
23 made monthly to the auditor of state.

24 6. Discourage begging, either directly or indirectly, on the part
25 of the blind within the limits of the state.

26 7. Make an annual report to the governor of its proceedings for
27 each fiscal year. It shall embody therein a properly classified and
28 tabulated statement of its estimates for the ensuing year with its own
29 opinion of the necessity or expediency of appropriations in accordance
30 with such estimates. Such annual report shall also present a concise
31 review of the work of the commission for the preceding year with
32 such suggestions and recommendations for improving the condition
33 of the blind as may be expedient.

34 8. Perform all other duties required of it by law.

1 **SEC. 8. Appropriation.** There is hereby appropriated from any
2 funds in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated the sum of
3 twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) or such part of that amount as
4 may be necessary in carrying out the provisions of this chapter, but
5 no expenditures of appropriations shall be in excess of the appro-
6 priation.

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