

CHAPTER 43

ORGANIZATIONS SOLICITING DONATIONS

S. F. 219

AN ACT to repeal the law as it appears in chapter ninety-three (93), title V of the code, 1924, and to enact a substitute therefor, relating to organizations soliciting public donations.

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

1 SECTION 1. **Permit—bond.** No organization, institution or char-
2 itable association, either directly or through agents or representatives,
3 shall solicit public donations in this state, unless it be a corporation
4 duly incorporated under the laws of this state or authorized to do
5 business in this state; has first obtained a permit therefor from the
6 secretary of state; and has filed with the secretary of state a surety
7 company bond in the sum of one thousand dollars, running to the
8 state and conditioned that the applicant will devote all donations
9 directly to the purpose stated and for which the donations were
10 given, and will otherwise comply with the laws of this state and the
11 requirements of the secretary of state in regard thereto. The sec-
12 retary of state shall have full discretion as to whom he will issue
13 permits, and shall satisfy himself before issuing any such permit
14 that the applicant is reputable and that the purposes for which
15 donations from the public are to be solicited are legitimate and
16 worthy.

1 SEC. 2. **Fee.** The secretary of state shall collect a fee of one dollar
2 for each such permit issued. Such a permit will authorize the ap-
3 plicant therefor, either directly or through its agents or representa-
4 tives, to solicit public donations in any county, city or township in
5 this state, subject, however, to such restrictions as the secretary of
6 state may prescribe.

1 SEC. 3. **Expiration—suspension—revocation.** Said permit shall
2 expire annually on the thirty-first day of December following the date
3 of issuance, or it may be suspended or revoked at any time at the
4 discretion of the secretary of state when in his judgment the authority
5 vested therein is abused or the transactions consummated thereunder
6 are not in conformity with the intent and purpose of this chapter.

1 SEC. 4. **Exceptions—report.** Nothing in this chapter, however,
2 shall be construed to prohibit any person as representative or agent
3 of any local organization, church, school, or any recognized society
4 or branch of any church or school, from publicly soliciting funds or
5 donations from within the county in which such person resides, or
6 such church, school, institution, organization or charitable association
7 is located, or within an adjoining county if such residence or location
8 is within six miles of such adjoining county. Any such organized
9 institution or charitable association having a permit under the pro-
10 visions of this chapter shall file an annual report with the secretary

11 of state during the month of December of each year, which report
12 shall contain the following information:

13 1. The names and postoffice addresses of its officers, and whether
14 any change has been made during the year previous to making such
15 report.

16 2. A detailed statement of all moneys received during the year
17 previous to making said report.

18 3. A detailed statement of moneys disbursed during the year
19 previous to making said report, and for what purpose.

20 At the time of filing this annual report said organization, institution
21 or charitable association shall pay to the secretary of state a filing
22 fee in the sum of two dollars.

1 **SEC. 5. Enforcement.** The secretary of state shall enforce the
2 provisions of this chapter and may call to his aid the attorney gen-
3 eral, the county attorney of any county, and any peace officer in the
4 state, for the purpose of investigation and prosecution. He may call
5 upon the extension division of the state university of Iowa and the
6 board of control of state institutions for assistance.

1 **SEC. 6. Violation—penalty.** Any person who shall violate the
2 provisions of this chapter or who shall solicit funds without a permit,
3 or if under a permit thereafter divert the same to purposes other
4 than for which said donations were contributed, shall be deemed guilty
5 of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of
6 not more than one hundred dollars or by imprisonment in the county
7 jail for not to exceed thirty days.

1 **SEC. 7. Publication clause.** The act being deemed of immediate
2 importance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage
3 and publication in the Des Moines Daily Record, a newspaper pub-
4 lished in the city of Des Moines, Iowa, and The Times-Journal, a
5 newspaper published in Dubuque, Iowa.

Approved March 22, A. D. 1927.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the Dubuque Times-Journal
March 23, 1927, and the Des Moines Daily Record March 24, 1927.

W. C. RAMSAY, *Secretary of State.*

CHAPTER 44

SOLICITATION OF PUBLIC DONATIONS

S. F. 431

AN ACT to repeal chapter ninety-three (93) of the code relating to the solicitations
of public donations.

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

1 **SECTION 1.** Chapter ninety-three (93) of the code, 1924, is re-
2 pealed.