- tection of purchasers of said debentures or bonds, provided said securities shall be at least equal in amount to the par value of such 9 debentures or bonds, and be first liens upon unincumbered real estate 10 worth at least twice the amount loaned thereon."
- SEC. 2. Publication clause. This act being deemed of immediate importance shall take effect and be in force from and after its publi-3 cation in the Osceola Sentinel, a newspaper published at Osceola, Iowa, and the Indianola Record, a newspaper published at Indianola,

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G. C. GREENWALT, Secretary of State.

CHAPTER 206

STATE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT AND REVIEW

AN ACT to amend the law as it appears in paragraphs one (1), six (6) and nine (9), of section seventeen (17), chapter two hundred five (205), of the acts of the forty-third general assembly, relating to and defining the powers and duties of the state board of assessment and review.

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

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SECTION 1. That paragraph one (1), section seventeen (17), of 2 chapter two hundred five (205), of the acts of the forty-third general 3 assembly, be and the same is hereby amended by striking all of said paragraph and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

5 "To have and exercise general supervision of the administration of 6 the assessment and tax laws of this state, of boards of supervisors and all other officers or boards of assessment and review in the performance of their official duties, in all matters relating to assessment and taxation, and to have the power to order a re-assessment of any or all of the property in any taxing district when in its judg-10 ment it is necessary, and in the event the valuation of the assessed 11 12 property is increased to assess the costs thereof in the case of an 13 individual taxpayer to said taxpayer, and in the case of a taxing district or unit to the unit assessed, to the end that all assessments 14 of property and taxes levied thereon be made relatively just and uniform in substantial compliance with the law. Where the costs 15 16 are taxed to the taxpayer they shall be added to the taxes assessed against said taxpayer and shall be collected in the same manner as 18 are other taxes, and where the costs are assessed against a particular 19 20 taxing district or unit they shall be paid by said taxing district or unit."

SEC. 2. That paragraph six (6), section seventeen (17), of chapter two hundred five (205), of the acts of the forty-third general assembly, be and the same is hereby amended by striking all of said paragraph and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

"To hold public hearings, either at the seat of government or elsewhere in the state; to require by subpoena the attendance and testimony of witnesses; to sign subpoenas, administer oaths and affirmations; to examine witnesses and receive evidence; to compel witnesses to produce for examination records, books, papers and documents relating to any matter which the board shall have the authority to investigate or determine; to examine the books and records of any person, firm, association or corporation within the county whenever it has reason to believe that such person, firm, association or corporation has not listed its property as provided by law.

"In all hearings where the decision of the board is against the taxpayer the board shall tax the costs against the taxpayer, otherwise they shall be taxed to the state. The fees and mileage to be paid and taxed as costs shall be the same as prescribed by law in proceedings in the district court of this state in civil cases. Where the costs are taxed to the taxpayer they shall be added to the taxes assessed against said taxpayer and shall be collected in the same man-

ner as are other taxes.

"In case of disobedience to a subpoena the board may invoke the aid of any court of competent jurisdiction in requiring the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production of records, books, papers and documents, and such court may issue an order requiring the persons to appear before the board and give evidence or to produce records, books, papers or documents, as the case may be, and any failure to obey such order of the court may be punished by the court as a contempt thereof.

"Testimony or hearings before the board may be taken by a deposition as in civil cases and any person may be compelled to appear and depose in the same manner as witnesses may be compelled to

appear and testify as hereinbefore provided."

SEC. 3. That paragraph nine (9), section seventeen (17) of chapter two hundred five (205), of the acts of the forty-third general assembly, be and the same is hereby amended by adding after the comma (,) and before the word "to" in line seventy-eight (78) of said section, the following:

"to raise or lower the valuation of any piece of property in any

taxing district when in their judgment it is necessary,

and by striking the period after the word "law" in line seventy-nine (79) of said section and inserting a comma (,) and adding thereto the following:

"provided, however, before raising the valuation of any property anywhere in any taxing district, the board must give ten days notice of its intention to so raise the valuation and in the case of a taxing district or unit the notice shall be served upon the county board of supervisors by serving the notice upon the county auditor, and in the case of a taxpayer the notice shall be served upon the taxpayer".

That paragraph nine (9) of section seventeen (17) of chapter two hundred five (205), acts of the forty-third general assembly be and the same is hereby amended by striking out of line sixty-six (66) the words "county board of equalization" and substituting in lieu thereof the words, "board of review"; also by striking out of line sixty-nine (69) thereof the words "the county board of equalization", and inserting in lieu thereof, "any board of review".

Amend section seventeen (17) of chapter two hundred five (205)

acts of the forty-third general assembly by inserting after paragraph nine (9) the following as paragraph nine-a (9a):

26 "(9a). To correct errors, irregularities, or omissions in assessments of individual taxpayers by adding to the tax list any omitted 27 28 29 property or by raising, lowering, or abating an assessment found to be erroneous or excessive; provided, however, that before making any 30 31 increase in any assessment or assessment of any property as omitted 32 property the board shall notify the owner of record or person assessed 33 with such property by registered mail addressed to such person at his 34 last known place of residence notifying him to appear before said 35 board within ten (10) days from the mailing of said notice and show 36 cause why such increase or addition should not be made; provided, 37 however, that any party aggrieved by the action of the state board 38 may within twenty (20) days after such action has been taken appeal from the action of the state board to the district court of the county 39 40 where the property is situated by serving on the chairman of the 41 state board a written notice of appeal in the same manner as pro-42 vided for the service of original notices. The state board shall notify 43 the county auditor or county treasurer of any such correction or 44 change and the county auditor or county treasurer shall amend the assessment roll and/or tax list to conform to the order of the board; 45 46 but no correction or change of assessment shall be made by the state 47 board after the expiration of five (5) years from the date when such 48 assessment was made or should have been made."

SEC. 4. That section seventeen (17) of chapter two hundred five (205), acts of the forty-third general assembly be and the same is hereby amended by adding thereto the following:

"16. To certify to the auditor of state on January first of each year the aggregate of each state tax for each county for said year."

SEC. 5. That section thirty-four (34), chapter two hundred five (205), acts of the forty-third general assembly, be and the same is hereby amended by inserting in line fourteen (14) after the word "act", the following words, to-wit:

"except as provided in paragraph three (3) of section one hundred two (102), code, 1927".

SEC. 6. That section twenty-eight (28) chapter two hundred five (205) acts of the forty-third general assembly be and the same is hereby repealed.

SEC. 7. Chapter two hundred five (205) acts of the forty-third general assembly as herein amended is hereby made applicable to cities acting under special charter.

SEC. 8. This act, being deemed of immediate importance, shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication in the Walker News, a newspaper published at Walker, Iowa, and the Freeman-Journal, a newspaper published at Webster City, Iowa.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the Walker News March 26, 1931, and the Webster City Freeman Journal March 24, 1931.

G. C. GREENWALT, Scoretary of State.