

## CHAPTER 313

## COUNTY JAILS

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AN ACT to provide safe and suitable jails in the respective counties of the state.

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

1 SECTION 1. The county board of supervisors shall provide safe and  
2 suitable jails for their respective counties, and shall cause the same to  
3 be maintained in good sanitary condition at all times, properly venti-  
4 lated, heated and lighted; structurally sound; fire resistant and kept  
5 in good repair. They shall cause the jails in their respective counties  
6 to be kept clean, provided with water of safe quality and ample quan-  
7 tity and sewer disposal facilities in accordance with good sanitary  
8 standards, and provided with clean, comfortable mattresses and blan-  
9 kets, sufficient for the comfort of the prisoners, and that food be pre-  
10 pared and served in a palatable and sanitary manner and according to  
11 good dietary practices and of a quality to maintain good health.

1 SEC. 2. For the purpose of this Act, the term "safe and suitable  
2 jails" is further defined to mean jails which provide adequate security  
3 and safety facilities by having separate cells or compartments, dormi-  
4 tories, and day rooms, of varying dimensions and capacities for pris-  
5 oners confined therein, except that, when practicable, no such cell or  
6 compartment shall be designed for confining two prisoners only. Cells  
7 or compartments shall be designed to accommodate one or from three  
8 to eight prisoners each, and furthermore, such dormitories and day  
9 rooms shall be designed to accommodate not more than twenty-four  
10 prisoners each. Dormitory space may be provided to accommodate not  
11 more than forty percent of the total designated prisoner capacity of  
12 the jail. All cells, compartments, and dormitories for sleeping pur-  
13 poses, where each such cell, compartment or dormitory is designed to  
14 accommodate three or more prisoners shall be accessible to a day room  
15 to which prisoners may be given access during the day. Cells for one  
16 prisoner only shall have a minimum floor area of forty square feet and  
17 all other cells, compartments, dormitories and day rooms (including  
18 safety vestibule area) shall have a minimum floor area equal to eigh-  
19 teen square feet for each prisoner to be confined therein. The ceiling  
20 height above finished floor shall be not less than eight feet for any cell,  
21 compartment, dormitory or day room where prisoners are confined.

1 SEC. 3. The term "safe and suitable jails," as used in this Act, is  
2 further defined to mean that, for reasons of safety to officers and  
3 security, the entrance and exit to each group of enclosures forming a  
4 cell block or group of cells and compartments used for the confinement  
5 of three or more prisoners shall be through a safety vestibule having  
6 one or more interior doors in addition to the main outside entrance  
7 door to such cell block, all arranged to be locked, unlocked, opened or  
8 closed by control means located outside of any such enclosure or cell  
9 block. All such enclosures or cell blocks, for the confinement of pris-  
10 oners, shall be separated from the building wall on at least one side,  
11 by a corridor not less than three feet wide and so designed that no

12 prisoners in confinement areas shall have direct access to windows in  
13 the walls of the building.

1 SEC. 4. Basement or semibasement facilities may be used for de-  
2 tention of day parole prisoners only and in such facility, requirements  
3 of the preceding paragraph may be excepted.

1 SEC. 5. The term "safe and suitable jails" is further defined to  
2 mean jails which provide adequate facilities for maintaining proper  
3 standards in sanitation and health. Each cell designed for one prisoner  
4 only shall be provided with a water closet and a combination lavatory  
5 and clean tap water, table and a seat. Each cell, compartment or dor-  
6 mitory designed for three or more prisoners, shall be provided with  
7 one water closet and one combination lavatory and clean tap water for  
8 each twelve prisoners or fraction thereof to be confined therein. All  
9 such cells, compartments and dormitories shall be provided with one  
10 bunk, not less in size than two feet, three inches wide and six feet,  
11 three inches long, for each prisoner to be confined therein. Each day  
12 room for the confinement of three or more prisoners shall be provided  
13 with one water closet, one combination lavatory and drinking fountain  
14 and one shower bath for each twelve prisoners, or fraction thereof, to  
15 be confined therein. Each day room shall be otherwise suitably fur-  
16 nished.

1 SEC. 6. This Act shall apply to all jails and additions and exten-  
2 sions to jails constructed after July 4, 1965, and all existing jails which  
3 are substantially remodeled or reconstructed after July 4, 1965. This  
4 Act shall apply to all other existing jails from and after July 1, 1966,  
5 except that this Act shall not require improvements to such a jail if  
6 the probable cost of such improvements will exceed the amount which  
7 the board of supervisors may lawfully authorize without submitting  
8 the proposition to the voters.

1 SEC. 7. Following inspection of any county jail, a report of the  
2 same shall be filed with the state board of control, a copy with the  
3 sheriff, the county board of supervisors, and one copy with the county  
4 attorney, which shall be presented at the next session of the grand jury  
5 of that county.

1 SEC. 8. Section three hundred fifty-six point five (356.5), Code  
2 1962, is amended by adding as a new subsection as follows: "To have  
3 a matron on the jail premises at all times during the incarceration of  
4 any one or more female prisoners and to make nighttime inspections  
5 while any prisoners are kept in confinement."

1 SEC. 9. The county sheriff shall formulate rules and regulations  
2 for the conduct and behavior of county jail prisoners. These rules may  
3 include provisions for county jail prisoners to do all necessary cleaning  
4 and upkeep of cells, compartments, dormitories and day rooms. Extra  
5 penalties may be provided for intentional damage of county jail prop-  
6 erty. Such rules and regulations shall be approved by a district judge  
7 from the district in which the county jail is located.

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