

A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO EMPOWER THE BOARD OF RAILROAD COMMISSIONERS TO FIX
JOINT RATES, AND TO FACILITATE TRANSPORTATION IN THE STATE OF IOWA.

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

SECTION 1. All railway companies doing business in this state shall receive and trans-
2 port freight over such route or routes as the shipper shall designate at reasonable rates. Car-
3 load lots shall be transferred without unloading from the cars in which the shipments were
4 first made unless transferred into or upon the connecting railway cars, at actual cost and
5 without unreasonable delay to the shipper.

SEC. 2. When the route selected requires the use of the tracks of more than one railway,
2 the rate of transportation for the entire distance shall not exceed the rate for an equal dis-
3 tance over the tracks of a single company except the addition of a reasonable rate of trans-
4 fer. Such joint rates shall be fixed by the board of railroad commissioners and shall not
5 exceed the rates which are or may hereafter be established by law. When the different
6 railway companies can not agree upon a division of the earnings arising under this act, the
7 board of railroad commissioners shall adjust the same, taking into consideration the value of
8 terminal facilities and all the circumstances of the haul. But in no case shall the aggregate
9 cost to the shipper be increased, but when the several railway companies making up the
10 through route have different schedule rates over their respective lines, the through rate
11 shall be based upon the average of the schedule of rates on their respective lines. For any
12 violation of this act the penalties defined in chapter 28, laws twenty-second general
13 assembly, shall apply and be enforced as herein provided for.