

# A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ELECTION OF A POLICE JUDGE AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A POLICE COURT IN CITIES WHERE SUPERIOR COURTS NOW ARE OR MAY HEREAFTER BE ESTABLISHED, AND DEFINING THE JURISDICTION AND POWERS OF SAID COURTS AND THE JUDGES THEREOF.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. That in all cities in this state, including cities organized and acting under  
2 special charter, where a superior court is now, or may hereafter be established, the city coun-  
3 cil of any such city may by ordinance establish a police court.

Sec. 2. At the next general election after said court is established, the names of candi-  
2 dates for police judge shall be upon the same ballot as used in the city for state, county and  
3 township officers, and the vote shall be returned and canvassed in the same manner as for  
4 county officers. Certificates of nomination of candidates for judge by conventions or primaries  
5 of political parties and nominations by petition, shall be filed with the auditor of the county  
6 in which said city is situated within the same time as provided by law for the filing of certifi-  
7 cates of nomination and nominations by petition for offices to be filled by the electors of coun-  
8 ties. Each judge shall qualify and hold his office for the term of two years from the first day  
9 of January next ensuing after his election, and until his successor is elected and qualified.  
10 Immediately after the election of any police judge, the board of supervisors of said county  
11 shall transmit a certificate of the election of said judge to the mayor of the city, who shall  
12 thereupon issue to him a commission empowering him to act as police judge as herein provided.

Sec. 3. That whenever any such city shall have established a police court under this act,  
2 all the powers, jurisdiction and duties of said court and the judge thereof shall be the same as  
3 are now or may hereafter be conferred by law upon police judges and police courts. Mayors  
4 of cities establishing police courts under this act shall not exercise any of the powers con-  
5 ferred upon police courts and judges thereof by this act.

Sec. 4. The election and qualification of a police judge, as provided in this act, shall have  
2 the effect to deprive the superior court of any such city, as the judge of said court, of jurisdic-  
3 tion to try and determine actions, civil and criminal, for the violation of city ordinances.

Sec. 5. The compensation of such police judge shall be fixed by ordinance, and shall not  
2 exceed the sum of one thousand dollars per annum.

Sec. 6. Upon the adoption of an ordinance as herein provided, the city council shall elect  
2 some suitable person to serve as police judge, who shall hold the office until the next succeed-  
3 ing general election and until his successor is elected and qualified.

Sec. 7. That in case of vacancy in the office of police judge the city council shall elect  
2 some suitable person to serve as police judge, who shall hold the office until the next succeed-  
3 ing general election, and until his successor is elected and qualified.

Sec. 8. This act, being deemed by the general assembly of immediate importance, shall  
2 take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the Iowa State Register and Des  
3 Moines Leader, newspapers published at Des Moines, Iowa.