

# A BILL

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO FIX THE TERMS OF OFFICERS AND TO REVISE THE LAWS TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT RELATIVE TO THE BIENNIAL ELECTIONS.

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

Section 1. That section ten hundred and sixty-four (1064), ten hundred and sixty-five  
2 (1065), ten hundred and sixty-six (1066), ten hundred and sixty-eight(1068), ten hundred and  
3 seventy (1070), ten hundred and seventy-one (1071), ten hundred and seventy-two (1072), ten  
4 hundred and seventy-four (1074) and twenty-six hundred and eleven (2611) of the code be and  
5 the same are hereby repealed and the following enacted in lieu thereof:

Section 2. A governor, lieutenant governor, superintendent of public instruction, secre-  
2 tary of state, auditor of state, treasurer of state, and attorney general shall be chosen at each  
3 general election and their terms of office shall be two years.

Section 3. Two judges of the supreme court shall be chosen at each general election, and  
2 their terms of office shall be six years.

Section 4. On the second Tuesday in January, and annually thereafter, the judges of  
2 the supreme court shall, in such manner as they may by rule provide, select one of their num-  
3 ber as Chief Justice, and the name of the Justice thus selected shall be entered upon and become  
4 a part of the records of the court.

Section 5. There shall be elected three railroad commissioners whose terms of office shall  
2 be for two years; and the term of the commissioner that would otherwise expire in January,  
3 1908, is hereby extended one year. Two commissioners shall be elected in 1906, three in  
4 1908 and three biennially thereafter.

Section 6. Members of the house of representatives shall be elected in the respective] dis-  
2 tricts at each general election for a term of two years.

Section 7. Senators of the General Assembly shall be elected in the respective senatorial  
2 districts for a term of four years.

Section 8. There shall be elected in each county at each general election a treasurer, sheriff,  
2 coroner, county superintendant, surveyor and county attorney who shall hold their offices for a  
3 term of two years.

Section 9. At the general election of 1906, in each county, the officers of clerk of the dis-  
2 trict court, recorder of deeds, and auditor shall be filled for a term of four years, and at the gen-

3 eral election of 1910 they shall be filled for a term of two years and biennially thereafter.

Section 10. The terms of township trustees shall be two years, and the terms of township  
2 trustees that would otherwise expire in January, 1908, are hereby extended one year. There  
3 shall be elected in each township in the year 1906 two township trustees; in the year 1908,  
4 three, and three biennially thereafter.

Section 11. The terms of all members of boards of supervisors that would otherwise expire  
2 in January, 1908, are hereby extended one year.

Section 12. That section four hundred and ten (410) of the code be and the same is here-  
2 by amended by striking from the sixth line the word "three" and inserting in lieu thereof the  
3 word "two", and by striking out the comma and inserting a period after the word "elected" in  
4 the sixteenth line thereof and all after the word "elected" in said line down to and including  
5 the words "two years" in the eighteenth line.

Section 13. That section one hundred and seventeen (117) of the code be and the same  
2 is hereby amended by striking out all down to and including the word "year" in the fourth line  
3 and inserting in lieu thereof the following: the terms of office of the state printer and binder  
4 are hereby extended to the first day of January, 1908. At the regular sessions of the legisla-  
5 ture beginning with the session of 1907 the general assembly shall elect a state printer and  
6 state binder who shall hold their office for a term of two years beginning with the first day of  
7 January of each even numbered year.

Section 14. That section one hundred and seventeen (117) of the code be and the same  
2 hereby amended by striking from the fourth line the words "odd numbered" and inserting in  
3 lieu thereof the words "even numbered".

Section 15. The various officers, inspectors, commissioners, boards or other bodies required  
2 by section one hundred and twenty-two of the code to report to the governor shall in the year  
3 1906, on or before the dates mentioned in subdivisions one to six of said section, file their re-  
4 ports which shall cover a period commencing July 1, 1905, and ending June 30, 1906.

Section 16. That section one hundred and twenty-two (122) of the code be and the same  
2 is hereby amended by striking out the words "odd numbered" in the third line and inserting  
3 in lieu thereof the words "even numbered".

Section 17. That section one hundred and twenty-three of the code be and the same is  
2 hereby amended by striking out the words "odd numbered" in the second line and inserting in lieu  
3 thereof the words "even numbered".

Section 18. That section one hundred and forty-six (146) of the code be and the same  
2 is hereby amended by striking out the first two lines and the first two words in the third line  
3 and inserting in lieu thereof the following: The governor, with the advice and consent of the  
4 senate, shall appoint a custodian of public buildings and property for the term beginning  
5 April 1, 1906, and whose term shall expire March 31st, 1907, and thereafter shall in like manner

6 appoint a custodian whose term shall be for two years and expire on the 31st day of March, of  
7 each odd numbered year.

Section 19. That section twenty-six hundred and ten (2610) of the code be and the same  
2 is hereby amended by striking from the second line the words "day of May" and inserting in  
3 lieu thereof the words "Monday of January."

Section 20. The term of any regent or trustee expiring between the first Mondays of January  
2 of even numbered years shall be extended to the first Monday of the succeeding even numbered year.

Section 21. This act being deemed of immediate importance shall take effect upon its publi-  
2 cation in the Register and Leader and Des Moines Capital, newspapers published at Des Moines, Iowa