

A BILL

FOR AN ACT CREATING AN OFFICE TO BE KNOWN AS A CODE EDITOR AND REVISOR, PROVIDING FOR THE MANNER OF HIS SELECTION, FIXING HIS COMPENSATION AND HIS TERM OF OFFICE, DEFINING HIS DUTIES, AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION THEREFOR.

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

Section 1. There is hereby created the office of code editor and revisor of the statutes, which shall be under the control and direction of the board of trustees of the state library and historical department.

Sec. 2. Immediately upon the taking effect of this act, the said board of trustees of the state library and historical department shall appoint a code editor and revisor of statutes, who shall be known as the code editor and revisor, and whose term of office shall begin on July 1, 1915.

Sec. 3. He shall be paid such salary as may be determined by the said board of trustees of the state library and historical department, not exceeding the sum of five thousand (\$5,000.00) dollars per annum.

Sec. 4. He shall appoint such assistants, clerks and stenographers as may be necessary, and fix their compensation, subject to the approval of the said board of trustees of the state library and historical department, provided that not more than ten thousand (\$10,000.00) dollars annually may be so expended in any one year for compensation to employes herein provided for and the salary of the code editor and revisor.

Sec. 5. The code editor and revisor and his assistants shall be subject to removal at any time by the said board of trustees for any cause deemed sufficient. Any vacancies which may occur from any cause whatsoever shall be filled as provided for in the original appointment.

Sec. 6. The executive council shall provide the code editor and revisor with a suitable room or rooms, convenient to the state law library, all necessary office furniture, supplies, stationery, books, periodicals, and postage, and do all the printing and binding made necessary by this act. In the use of the state law library, the code editor shall be subject to the general control of the board of trustees and the law librarian.

Sec. 7. It shall be the duty of such code editor and revisor:

2 (a) To keep and maintain at all times in the state law library, in duplicate, a loose leaf set
3 of statutes, including all sections in force, arranged alphabetically, and in connection with each
4 section, subsection, or paragraph of a subsection, to designate the titles and subtitles under
5 which the same is indexed, and to keep an alphabetical card index of all such titles and sub-
6 titles referring to such section, subsection or paragraph.

7 (b) To prepare, keep and maintain in the state law library, in loose leaf form, in duplicate,
8 arranged numerically, all sections of the statutes heretofore in force, which have been repealed,
9 amended, or superseded by subsequent enactments, with notes of court decisions and any other
10 matter relating to each section, subsection or paragraph, and reference to numbering in prev-
11 ious revisions, compilations or printed volumes, and to keep card indexes thereof.

12 (c) To keep and maintain in the state law library, in duplicate, a loose leaf ledger or notes
13 of court decisions and any other matter referring to any section, subsection or paragraph of
14 the statutes, arranged numerically.

15 (d) To supervise and attend to the preparation, printing and binding of a complete compi-
16 lation of the statutes and index, or of the statutes, index, and notes, under the direction of the
17 trustees of the state library and historical department, whenever ordered by the general
18 assembly.

19 (e) To supervise and attend to the preparation, printing and binding of such compilations
20 of particular sections or portions of the statutes as may be ordered by the head of any depart-
21 ment of the state as now provided by law or hereafter to be provided for.

22 (f) To formulate and prepare a definite plan for the order, classification, arrangement, print-
23 ing and binding of the statutes and session laws. Between the sessions of the general assembly,
24 the code editor shall prepare and embody in a bill or bills, and present to the legislature at the
25 beginning of each session, such consolidation, revision and other matters relating to the stat-
26 utes or any portion thereof as may be necessary.

27 (g) To advise and consult with the general assembly or any of its committees, regarding
28 the phraseology, constitutionality and adequacy of any proposed law, and to suggest any
29 changes needed to make any bill fit into codes or statutes already existing; and to perform such
30 other duties as the general assembly may from time to time require.

Sec. 8. For the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of this act and the payment of
2 all expenses connected therewith, there is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the
3 treasury of the state not otherwise appropriated, the sum of ten thousand (\$10,000.000) dollars
4 annually or so much thereof as may be needed to pay the salaries of the code editor and his
5 assistants appointed under the provisions of this act.

Sec. 9. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.