

A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO REPEAL SECTIONS TWENTY-EIGHT HUNDRED EIGHTY ONE-j (2881-j), TWENTY-EIGHT HUNDRED EIGHTY-ONE-k (2881-k), TWENTY-EIGHT HUNDRED EIGHTY-ONE-l (2881-l), TWENTY-EIGHT HUNDRED EIGHTY-ONE-m (2881-m), TWENTY-EIGHT HUNDRED EIGHTY-ONE-n (2881-n) OF THE SUPPLEMENT TO THE CODE, 1913, PROVIDING FOR THE CARE AND PERMANENT PRESERVATION OF THE PUBLIC ARCHIVES AND FIXING AND DEFINING THE AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF ADMINISTRATION, CARE AND CUSTODY THEREOF.

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

Section 1. That sections twenty-eight hundred eighty-one-j (2881-j), twenty-eight hundred eighty-one-k (2881-k), twenty-eight hundred eighty-one-l (2881-l), twenty-eight hundred eighty-one-m (2881-m), twenty-eight hundred eighty-one-n (2881-n) of the Supplement to the Code, 1913, be and they are hereby repealed and the following enacted in lieu thereof:

(a) That for the care and preservation of the public archives the curator of the historical department of Iowa is hereby given the custody of all the original public documents, papers, letters, records and other official manuscripts of the state executive and administrative departments, offices or officers, councils, boards, bureaus and commissions, ten years after the date or current use of such public documents, papers, letters, records or other official manuscripts. Provided, that the executive council shall have the power and authority to order the transfer of such records or any part thereof at any time prior to the expiration of the limit of ten years herein before provided or to retain the same in the respective offices beyond such limit according as in the judgment of the council the public interest or convenience may require.

(b) That the several state executive and administrative departments, officers or offices, councils, boards, bureaus and commissioners, are hereby authorized and directed to transfer and deliver to the historical department such of the public archives as are designated in Section 1-a, of this act, except such as in the judgment of the executive council should be longer retained in the respective offices.

(c) That the curator of the historical department is hereby authorized and directed to receive such of the public archives and records as are designated in section 1-a of this act and provide that the same be properly arranged, classified, labeled, filed, calendered and indexed, all under the direction of the board of trustees of the state library and historical department.

(d) That for the care and permanent preservation by the curator of the historical depart-

24 ment of the public archives herein before designated, the executive council is hereby author-
25 ized and directed to furnish and equip such room or rooms in the historical, memorial and art
26 building as may be deemed necessary for the purpose of this act, and the room or rooms thus
27 provided for shall be known as the division of public archives.

28 (e) Upon and after the receipt by the historical department into its division of public
29 archives of any such public archives, copies thereof may be made, certified and authenticated
30 by the curator in the same manner and with the same validity as the officer from whom the
31 same were secured. The curator shall have and exercise the same custody and control over
32 said public archives as had theretofore been exercised by those from whose offices they were
33 received, but they shall not be removed from the historical department except by the consent
34 of the curator and upon the subpoena of a court or the order in writing of the person from
35 whose office they were originally derived. Said curator shall charge and collect for certified
36 copies the same fees as are allowed by law to the secretary of state for certified copies which
37 fees shall be turned into the state treasury.