

January 28, 1953.
Compensation of Public Officers.

House File 171
By JUDICIARY 1.

Passed House, Date.....
Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....
Passed Senate, Date.....
Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....
Approved

A BILL FOR

An Act to amend section six hundred eighty-four point seventeen (684.17), Code 1950, relating to salaries of judges of the supreme court.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

- 1 Section 1. Section six hundred eighty-four point seventeen
- 2 (684.17) Code 1950, is amended by striking from line three (3)
- 3 the word, "ten", and substituting in lieu thereof the word,
- 4 "twelve".

EXPLANATION OF H. F. 171

This bill increases the salary of supreme court judges from \$10,000 to \$12,000 per year. The increase will not be granted to present judges during their present terms. If the increase is granted, the salary of Iowa supreme court judges will still be less than the average in other similar states. Iowa is twenty-second in the nation in population but ranks thirty-sixth in salary paid its supreme court judges. There are 23 states, each with a population less than Iowa's, that pay their judges higher salaries than paid in our own state. On a basis of averages, the average salary of a state supreme court judge in the United States is \$13,202, without taking into consideration the expense allowance paid in many states, and, if this bill is passed, the salary of Iowa supreme court judges will still be less than the average.

Imposition of federal income taxes since 1932 and state income taxes on judicial salaries, plus the increased cost of living and the decreased value of the dollar, has resulted in judges actually receiving today less than they received 25 years ago.

