

*Committee on
Penitentiary*

A BILL

FOR AN ACT FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE PENITENTIARY.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* That there be appropriated
2 out of the State treasury the sum of fifteen thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary
3 for the extension of the cell building to the line of the east wall of the prison yard, the covering of
4 present cell building, and the roof of the extension thereof with slates, the erection of new prison cells,
5 one of which shall be dark, and the enlarging the windows of the present cell building. That there be
6 further appropriated the sum of three thousand dollars for the erection of a wash house and store
7 rooms, and the procurement of the necessary cooking range and apparatus.

SEC. 3. That there be further appropriated the sum of one thousand dollars for the purchase of
2 furniture for the warden's house; *provided,* that before any of this sum shall be drawn, the warden
3 shall present to the Auditor, bills receipted minutely describing such furniture; *and, provided further,*
4 that the Auditor shall only pay for such items as the census board decide are proper for the State to
5 furnish for said house, and the said warden shall, at the end of his term, deliver an inventory of all
6 such furniture as the State has paid for to his successor, and at the same time turn over such articles to
7 his said successor.

SEC. 4. That the further sum of one thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be
2 appropriated for the repairs of the walls, cisterns, and building of gutters.

SEC. 5. That the further sum of six thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be
2 appropriated for the construction of a reservoir on the hill above the prison, the procuring the
3 necessary connections, and the purchase and erection of a steam pump and its appendages, of the kind
4 in use at the Hospital for the Insane, and when such water works shall be completed, the warden is
5 authorized to arrange with the contractors for the use thereof for their purposes; but so as not to
6 interfere with the necessary use thereof by the State.

SEC. 6. All the above appropriations shall be expended under the direction of the warden. In the
2 performance of the work, so many convicts as can be safely and with advantage, shall be employed,
3 and the said warden may employ for that purpose additional day guards.

SEC. 7. The several sums shall only be drawn as the same is needed for actual use, and shall in no
2 case be deposited in any bank by the warden; *provided,* that should there be a surplus left over the cost

3 of any one of the items above specified, said surplus may be used for the completion of any one of the
4 other items named.

SEC. 8. That there is also appropriated, out of the State Treasury, the sum of twenty - five hundred
2 dollars, to be known as a contingent fund and used by the warden of the penitentiary, under the
3 direction, and by the permission of the census board, for the purpose of completing and carrying out
4 the works, objects, and provisions of this act, and this sum is appropriated only for the purpose of
5 preventing delay, and a consequent loss to the State on account of any deficiency in the sums
6 appropriated to carry out the provisions and objects of this act. *Provided*, that no part of said sum
7 of \$25,000 shall be used until after the sums hereinbefore appropriated are exhausted; and then only
8 on the approval of the census board indorsed on the warden's order on the treasurer of State by the
9 president of said board.

SEC. 9. This act being deemed of immediate importance by the General Assembly, shall take effect
2 from its publication in the *Daily State Register* and *Evening Statesman*, newspapers printed at Des
3 Moines.