

are hereby confirmed and declared effectual and valid in law, to all intents and purposes, as though the said deeds or conveyances so acknowledged or proved and recorded, had, prior to being recorded, been acknowledged or proved within this State.

Acknowledgments of all deeds, mortgages, &c., now recorded, legalized.

Sec. 2. That the acknowledgments of all deeds, mortgages, and other instruments in writing, taken and certified previous to the passage of this act, and which have been duly recorded in the proper counties of this State, be and the same are hereby declared to be legal and valid in all courts of law or equity in this State or elsewhere, anything in the several different acts or laws of the territory or State of Iowa in regard to acknowledgments to the contrary notwithstanding.

Acknowledgment without seal valid.

Sec. 3. That all deeds, mortgages, or other instruments in writing, for the conveyance of lands, which have heretofore been made and executed, and the officer taking the acknowledgment has not affixed his seal to the acknowledgment, such acknowledgment shall nevertheless be good and valid in law and equity, anything in law heretofore passed to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved April 7, 1868.

## CHAPTER 159.

### GENERAL APPROPRIATION LAW.

APRIL 7. AN ACT Making Appropriations for the Payment of the Salaries of the State and Judicial Officers, Interest on the State Bonds, and for other Purposes therein designated.

Appropriation for 24 years

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* That for the payment of the salaries of the several officers hereinafter designated for the term of two years and three months, commencing on the first day of January, A. D. 1868, and ending on the 31st day of March, A. D. 1870, the following sums of money be and the same are hereby appropriated.

Governor's salary, \$5,625.  
Contingent, \$2,000.

Sec. 2. For the payment of the salary of the Governor the sum of five thousand six hundred and twenty-five dollars, and for contingent expenses of the Executive office, the sum of two thousand dollars.

Private Sec., \$2,250.

Sec. 3. For the payment of the salary of the Governor's Private Secretary the sum of two thousand two hundred and fifty dollars.

Sec. 4. For the payment of the house rent for the Governor the sum of \$1600 or so much thereof as may be necessary, providing he makes Des Moines his residence during his term of office. House rent,  
\$1,600.

Sec. 5. For the payment of the salary of the Secretary of State the sum of two thousand nine hundred and twenty - five dollars. Secretary,  
\$2,925.

Sec. 6. For the payment of the salary of the deputy Secretary of State the sum of two thousand two hundred and fifty dollars. Deputy do.,  
\$2,250.

Sec. 7. For the payment of the salary of the Auditor of State the sum of two thousand nine hundred and forty - five dollars. Auditor,  
\$2,945.

Sec. 8. For the payment of the salary of the deputy Auditor of State the sum of two thousand two hundred and fifty dollars. Deputy do.,  
\$2,250.

Sec. 9. For the payment of the salary of the Treasurer of State the sum of four thousand five hundred dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary. Treasurer,  
\$4,500.

Sec. 10. For the payment of the salary of the deputy Treasurer of State the sum of two thousand two hundred and fifty dollars. Deputy do.,  
\$2,250.

Sec. 11. For the payment of the salary of the Register of the State Land Office the sum of three thousand three hundred and seventy - five dollars. S. L. Register,  
\$3,375.

Sec. 12. For the payment of the salary of the deputy Register of the State Land Office the sum of two thousand two hundred and fifty dollars. Deputy do.,  
\$2,250.

Sec. 13. For the payment of the salary of the Superintendent of Public Instructions, the sum of three thousand three hundred and seventy - five dollars. Supt. of Pub. Instr.,  
\$3,375.

Sec. 14. For the payment of the salary of the Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction, the sum of two thousand two hundred and fifty dollars. Deputy do.,  
\$2,250.

Sec. 15. For the payment of the salaries of the Supreme Judges, the sum of twenty thousand seven hundred dollars; and for the expenses of the Supreme Court, during the time aforesaid, the sum of six thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, and all the bills for such expenses shall contain the items thereof, and shall be certified to as correct by one of the Judges of said court before being audited. Sup. Judges,  
\$20,700.  
Expenses of court, \$6,000.  
Bills certified.

Sec. 16. For the payment of the salary of the Attorney-General the sum of three thousand three hundred and seventy - five dollars. Att'y-Gen'l,  
\$3,375.

Sec. 17. For the payment of the salaries of the district judges the sum of forty - eight thousand six hundred dollars. Dist. Judges,  
\$48,600.

Circ't Judges, \$45,000. SEC. 18. For the payment of circuit court judges for the term of one year and three months ending 31st of March, 1870, the sum of forty-five thousand dollars.

Dist. Att'ys, \$16,806. SEC. 19. For the payment of the salaries of the district-attorneys, the sum of sixteen thousand two hundred dollars, and for deficiency in 5th district, one hundred dollars.

Adj't. General, \$4,289.03. SEC. 20. For the payment of the salary of the Adjutant-General, the sum of four thousand two hundred and eighty-nine and  $\frac{3}{4}$  dollars; and for the

Clerk-hire A. G. O., \$4,000. payment of clerks in the Adjutant-General's office the sum of four thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary.

Contingent fund deficiency, \$5,118.14. SEC. 21. For the payment of deficiency of contingent fund, as per bills now in Auditor's office, the sum of five thousand one hundred and thirteen  $\frac{1}{8}$  dollars.

Certificates of claims, \$1,778.38. SEC. 22. For the payment of certificates issued according to paragraph five, chapter seven, Revision of 1860, the sum of seventeen hundred and seventy eight  $\frac{3}{8}$  dollars.

Clerk-hire; officers to report; SEC. 23. *Be it further enacted*, That the following sums of money be and the same are hereby appropriated for additional clerk-hire for the several offices herein designated: *Provided*, That all officers having an appropriation for the payment of clerk-hire or other contingent expenses shall report to the next General Assembly the amount of such appropriation expended, for what purpose expended, and to whom paid.

for Secretary's office, \$1,500. SEC. 24. For the office of Secretary of State, the sum of one thousand five hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary.

Auditor's office, \$1,500. SEC. 25. For the office of Auditor of State, the sum of one thousand five hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary.

Janitor, night guards, and fireman at capitol, \$7,000; how expended. SEC. 26. For the payment of a janitor and the necessary number of night-guards, and fireman for the capitol building, for the term of two years and three months ending March 31st, A. D. 1870, the sum of seven thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to be expended under the direction of the Census Board.

Contingent fund, \$15,000. SEC. 27. For the payment of postage of State officers, furniture for State House and offices, fuel and lights for State House, and such other necessary expenses as are not specifically provided for, for the term of two years ending December 31st, A. D. 1869, the sum of fifteen thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary: *Provided*, That all bills properly

chargeable to said appropriation shall be made out by bills certified items, and certified to be correct by the officer incurring the expense and approved by the census board before being audited.

Sec. 28. All salaries of State, judicial, or other officers payable out of the State treasury shall be paid monthly; monthly at the end of each month if called for, and the State Auditor shall in no case issue warrants on the State treasury for the payment of any State or other officer in advance of services actually rendered.

Sec. 29. For the payment of four semi-annual installments of interest, express charges, and exchange, to become due on the war-and-defense bonds of the State, the sum of forty-two thousand two hundred and ten dollars, or so much thereof as shall be necessary, to be drawn from the State treasury only when necessary to pay said interest and expenses, as they may become due.

Sec. 30. For the payment of two annual installments of interest on school-fund loans, to become due, the sum of forty-six thousand nine hundred and thirty-five and  $\frac{2}{3}$  dollars.

Sec. 31. This act, being deemed of immediate importance, shall be in force upon its publication in the Iowa State Register and Statesman, newspapers published at Des Moines.

Approved April 7, 1868.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the *Daily State Register* April 25, 1868, and in *The Iowa Evening Statesman* April 25, 1868.

ED WRIGHT, *Secretary of State.*

## CHAPTER 160.

### CREATING THE OFFICE OF COUNTY AUDITOR.

AN ACT to Provide for the Election of County Auditors, and to Define their Powers and Duties, and Making County Judges *ex-officio* County Auditor. APRIL 7.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* That at the general election preceding the expiration of the term of office of the present county judge in any county, and every two years thereafter, there shall be elected in each organized county in this State a County Auditor, whose term