

justice of the peace, mayor, or police justice, shall be fined in any sum not less than five dollars, nor more than twenty-five dollars, with costs of prosecution, and shall stand committed until said fine and costs are paid. fine of \$5 to \$25, with costs.

SEC. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the Des Moines Daily Register and Des Moines Daily Bulletin. Taking effect.

Approved, April 7, 1870.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the *Daily Iowa State Register* April 10, and in the *Des Moines Daily Bulletin* April 11, 1870.

ED WRIGHT, *Secretary of State.*

CHAPTER 75.

REVISION OF THE LAWS.

AN ACT Creating a Commission to Revise the Statutes of Iowa, and Defining their Duties, and Providing for the Publication and Distribution of their Report. APRIL 7.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* That William H. Seevers, of Mahaska county, John C. Polley, of Clinton county, and William J. Knight, of Dubuque county, be, and they are hereby appointed Commissioners who shall perform the duties herein specified. Commissioners appointed.

SEC. 2. Before entering upon the discharge of their duties they shall severally take, subscribe, and file in the office of the Secretary of State the oath required by section 56 of Revision of 1860. Oath to be filed with Secretary.

SEC. 3. They shall carefully revise the statutes of this State, rewrite the same, divide them into appropriate parts, arrange them under proper titles and chapters, omit all parts repealed and such as have become obsolete, insert all amendments, so as to make the same complete, transpose words and sentences, arrange and number the same in their proper order, and when necessary change the phraseology by leaving out and inserting words and sentences so as to adapt the same to the form of county government and system of courts as fixed by law. They shall omit from such revision all statutes of a private, local, Duty; to revise, rewrite, divide, arrange, etc., the statutes. What to omit.

or temporary character; those relating to the apportionment of the State into congressional, senatorial, representative, and judicial districts; all references to prior laws, decisions, notes, and references to their own report or that or any former commission on revision.

SEC. 4. They shall by July 4th, 1871, complete the duties assigned them, make a report to the Governor of what they have done, what changes they have made, what statutes omitted, and what amendments and further legislation they deem necessary. They shall write out in full and embody in the latter part of their report such sections as they recommend should be added to our statutes: *Provided*, That the Commissioners shall not enter upon the discharge of their duties, until after the general election in 1870, and if at said election the people shall vote in favor of holding a convention to revise the constitution of the State, the said Commissioners shall not, previous to the meeting of the next General Assembly, perform any of the duties imposed by this act.

To complete by July 4, '71, and report to Governor.

Amendments & additions.

Comm'rs not to enter upon duty until after election of 1870, and not then if const. conv. is called.

Governor to cause report to be printed.

Disposal of copies

SEC. 5. The Governor shall cause one thousand copies of such report to be printed by September 1st, 1871, which shall be disposed of as follows: Two copies to each member of the Thirteenth and Fourteenth General Assemblies and each officer thereof; two to each of the judges of the several courts; the same number to the Attorney-General and each district-attorney; two for the office of each county auditor; ten for each member of the commission hereby created, and same number to each member of the Commission of Legal Inquiry; five to law department of State University; five to the State Historical Society; and one to each college in the State. These shall be distributed at the expense of the State by November 1, 1871. Any copies remaining shall be kept to be disposed of by the General Assembly.

Pay of comm'rs \$10 a day and 10 cents a mile.

How paid.

SEC. 6. The compensation of each Commissioner shall be ten dollars per day for each and every day actually employed, and ten cents for each and every mile necessarily traveled in the discharge of their duties, which shall be paid out of any money in the State treasury not otherwise appropriated, as follows: The chairman of such commission shall certify as to the correctness of charges per diem and mileage, to the Auditor of State, whose duty it shall be to draw warrants on the State Treasurer therefor from time to time as required.

Sec. of State to furnish stationery, etc.

SEC. 7. The Secretary of State shall furnish the Commissioners with such stationery and statutes as they may require for the performance of their duty.

Approved, April 7, 1870.