

CHAPTER 46.

AN ACT to amend an act entitled "an act in relation to the safe custody of persons, arrested for crimes and misdemeanors.

Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Iowa:

SECTION 1. County to be paid for custody of prisoners—rate of compensation. That the board of commissioners of any county, from which a prisoner may be transferred under the provisions of the act to which this is amendatory, shall pay the county to which such prisoner may be transferred, the sum of two dollars per month for each prisoner during his confinement, for the use of the jail of such county.

Approved February 10, 1842.

[34] CHAPTER 47.

AN ACT defining the jurisdiction of the supreme and district court.

Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Iowa:

SECTION 1. Appellate jurisdiction—in what cases final and conclusive. That the supreme court of this Territory, shall exercise appellate jurisdiction only as is hereinafter provided, and shall have final and conclusive jurisdiction of all matters of appeal, error or complaint, from the judgments or decrees of any of the district courts of this Territory, and from such other inferior courts as may hereafter be established by law, in all matters of law and equity, where the rules of law or the principles of equity appear from the files, records or exhibits of any such court, to have been erroneously determined.

SEC. 2. Powers. The said supreme court is hereby empowered and authorized to take cognizance of all such causes as may be brought before them in manner aforesaid; and to carry into complete execution all their judgments and decrees, according to the rules and principles of common law and equity, and their judgment and decrees shall be final and conclusive on all parties concerned.

SEC. 3. Rules of practice, etc. The said supreme court may, from time to time, institute such rules of practice, forms of process to be used, and rules for keeping the dockets, records, and proceedings of said court, as shall be by them deemed conducive to the administration of justice.

SEC. 4. Court stands adjourned until a quorum of justices attend. If there shall not be a quorum of the justices of the supreme court, on the first day of the term, the court shall stand adjourned from day to day until a quorum shall attend; and if from any cause the supreme court shall not sit on any day during a term, there shall be no discontinuance by reason thereof.

SEC. 5. Supervision of inferior courts—writs of error. The said supreme court shall have the general supervision of all inferior courts, to prevent and correct abuses where no other remedy is expressly provided by law, and shall have authority to issue writs of error, certiorari, habeas corpus, procedendo, supersedeas, and all other writs and process which may be necessary for the due execution of law, the administration of justice, and the perfect exercise of their jurisdiction.