

CHAPTER 8.

OF THE CENSUS.

S. F. 888.

AN ACT repealing chapter eight (8) of title two (II) of the code, relating to the census, and enacting in lieu thereof a substitute providing for the taking of the census, and making an appropriation therefor.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Repealed. That chapter eight (8) of title two (II) of the code be, and the same is hereby repealed, and there is hereby enacted in lieu thereof, the following:

“SECTION 1. Executive council to provide blank forms—schedules. The executive council shall cause to be prepared and printed, blank forms, suitable for the purpose of taking the census, to enable the assessors to make uniform returns of population and agriculture for the census. The schedules relating to the population shall comprehend, for each inhabitant, the name, age, color, sex, conjugal condition, place of birth, and place of birth of parents, whether alien or naturalized, number of years in the United States, occupation, months unemployed, literacy, school attendance, and ownership of farms and homes; and the executive council may use its discretion as to the construction and form and number of inquiries necessary to secure information under the topics aforesaid. The schedules relating to agriculture shall comprehend the following topics: Name of occupant of each farm, color of occupant, tenure, acreage, value of farm and improvements, acreage of different products, quantity and value of products and number and value of live stock. All questions as to quantity and value of crops shall relate to the year ending December 31st next preceding the enumeration. The specific form and division of inquiries necessary to secure information under the foregoing topics, shall be in the discretion of the executive council. Such blanks must be furnished to the respective county auditors, and by them to the township assessors, on or before the first Monday in January of the year in which the census is to be taken. In addition to the matters specified to be enumerated in this bill, there shall be blanks for the ex-soldiers of the United States living in Iowa, which shall contain the name, company and regiment to which the soldier belonged, and his present place of residence.

“SEC. 2. Assessor to fill and return blanks. The assessor shall at the time of assessing property in the year nineteen hundred and five, and every ten years thereafter, take such census in his township, municipality, or division thereof, and make entry upon such blanks of all matters therein required to be enumerated or returned, and return the same to the county auditor on or before the first day of June of the census year.

“SEC. 3. When assessor fails. When any assessor fails to perform the duties required in this chapter such auditor shall appoint some suitable person to take the census, as provided herein, at as early a day as practicable, at the expense of the county.

“SEC. 4. Returns to be forwarded—provision for failure. The county auditor shall forward such return to the secretary of state as soon as possible, and not later than the first day of July following. If such returns, or any of them are not received by the fifteenth day of July, the executive council may cause such census to be made in said county, or any township, municipality, or division thereof, or the returns brought up, at the expense of the delinquent county. All of such returns shall be filed and preserved by the secretary of state.

“SEC. 5. Abstracts to be made. The executive council shall cause abstracts or compilations of said census to be prepared, which shall be recorded by the secretary of state in a book to be kept by him for that pur-

pose. The executive council may add to such compilation such other statistics in reference to banking, railroads, insurance, manufactures, education and other matters of public interest, as they may be able to procure from the heads of the various departments of the state, and other sources, and which they may consider of sufficient value to be included in the census.

"SEC. 6. **Stenographers and accountants.** In preparing said abstracts, the executive council shall employ only such persons as are fully qualified by their education and skill to rapidly and accurately perform the duties of stenographers and accountants.

"SEC. 7. '**Census of Iowa.**' It shall be the duty of the executive council when said census shall have been compiled as aforesaid, to cause the same to be published in a book to be known as the 'Census of Iowa'; and when the printing is completed, the secretary of state shall certify that the same includes the census publication required by law, and such certificate, with the date and signature shall be printed on the page following the title page thereof.

"SEC. 8. **Census publication to be evidence.** Wherever in the code or the supplement to the code, the population of any county, city or town is referred to, it shall be determined by the publication above provided for as of the date of said certificate, and such census publication shall be evidence of all matters therein contained, and of said certificate thereto.

"SEC. 9. **Co-operation with United States Census Bureau.** So far as practicable, the executive council is authorized to co-operate with the Census Bureau of the United States in the gathering, compilation and publication of census statistics.

"SEC. 10. **Appropriation.** To enable the executive council to collect and compile the census of nineteen hundred and five, and to read the proof of the same, there is hereby appropriated from any funds in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of fifteen thousand (\$15,000) dollars, or so much thereof as shall be necessary to properly collect, compile and proof-read the census of nineteen hundred and five."

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CHAPTER 9.

APPOINTMENTS AND REMOVALS.

H. F. 227.

AN ACT regulating appointments, employment, and removals in the public departments and upon public works in the state of Iowa, and the counties, cities and towns thereof. [Additional to titles two (II), three (III), four (IV) and five (V) of the code, relating to state, judicial, county, township, city and town officers.]

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. Preference in appointments and promotions. That in every public department and upon all public works in the state of Iowa, and of the counties, cities and towns thereof, honorably discharged soldiers, sailors, and marines from the army and navy of the United States in the late civil war, who are citizens and residents of this state, shall be entitled to preference in appointment, employment and promotion, over other persons of equal qualifications and the persons thus preferred shall not be disqualified from holding any position hereinbefore mentioned on account of his age or by reason of any physical disability, provided such age or disability does not render him incompetent to perform properly the duties of the position applied for and when such soldier, sailor or marine, shall apply for appointment or employment under this act, the officer, board or person whose duty it is or may be to appoint or employ some person to fill such position or place,