

CHAPTER 6.

CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTY.

S. F. 413.

AN ACT amending sections one hundred fifty (150) and one hundred fifty-one (151) of the code, relating to the duties of the custodian of public buildings and property.

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

SECTION 1. Record to be kept—contents—report. That section one hundred fifty (150) of the code be amended to read as follows:

“He shall keep in his office a complete record containing an itemized list of all property of the state under his care and control, with accurate plans and surveys of the public grounds at the seat of government. He shall make a report to the governor on or before the last day of September preceding each regular session of the general assembly, which report shall cover all transactions for the preceding biennial period. He shall perform all other duties imposed by law, or order of the executive council.”

SEC. 2. Contents of report. Section one hundred fifty-one (151) of the code is amended to read as follows:

“Said report shall show in detail all expenditures made on account of the department of public buildings and property; an itemized statement of all money received for property sold or collections made; the condition of all real and personal property of the state under his care or control, together with a report of any loss or destruction, or injury to, any such property, with the causes thereof, and measures necessary for the care and preservation of the same, and recommendations as to methods which would tend to render the service more efficient and economical. Said report shall also embrace any other matter ordered by the executive council and shall contain an inventory of all state property under his control. All reports of the custodian shall be subscribed and sworn to by him.”

Approved April 8, A. D. 1909.

CHAPTER 7.

VOUCHERS AND BIENNIAL EXPENSE REPORT.

H. F. 537.

AN ACT repealing sections one hundred sixty-two (162) of the code and one hundred sixty-three-a (163-a) and one hundred sixty-three-b (163-b) of the supplement to the code, 1907, defining the character of vouchers upon which warrants shall be drawn by the auditor of state upon the state treasury and requiring a biennial report of state expenses for the several state offices, boards, commissions and institutions to be made by the executive council.

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

SECTION 1. Repeal—duplicate itemized vouchers—where filed. That section one hundred sixty-two (162) of the code is hereby repealed and the following enacted in lieu thereof:

“All officers of the state, members of boards or commissions, officers of state institutions and all persons drawing funds from the treasury of the state shall file with the auditor of state duplicate itemized vouchers, showing in detail the items of service, expense, things furnished or contracts upon which payment is sought before a warrant is issued upon the state treasury. Duplicate vouchers shall not be required to be filed for disbursements made on account of institutions under the management of the board of control or the

state board of education. All warrants shall be drawn in the name of the person, firm or contractor entitled to payment or compensation and in no case shall warrants be drawn in the name of the certifying office, department, board or institution or in the name of an employe of the same except for personal service rendered or expense incurred by said employe unless there be express statutory authority therefor except that when goods or material are purchased in foreign countries, warrants may be drawn upon the state treasurer, payable to bearer for net amount of invoice and current exchange, and the state treasurer shall furnish such foreign draft payable to order of person, firm or corporation from whom purchase is made. When the law permits the drawing of funds in advance of their expenditure the person or persons drawing such funds shall file the itemized vouchers above required within one hundred (100) days after the issuance of any such warrant, each voucher to show by proper reference that it was paid out of the funds drawn on the date of the issuance of the warrant before mentioned. Duplicate copies of vouchers above required to be filed with the auditor of state shall be filed by him with the executive council at the end of each month and by the executive council made available for the use of the expert accountant, named under the provisions of section 161-a of the supplement to the code, 1907."

SEC. 2. Repeal—biennial expense report—reports by state officers—clerk—compensation. That section one hundred sixty-three-a (163-a) of the supplement to the code, 1907, be and the same is hereby repealed and the following enacted in lieu thereof:

"Biennially, on or before the first day of September of each year prior to the convening of the general assembly, the executive council shall cause to be compiled a complete report of the expenditures of the several state offices, boards, commissions and institutions, except those institutions under the management of the board of control, or the state board of education in such manner as will show the amount and nature of all expenditures reported; the price paid for things or commodities purchased or furnished for said departments or institutions; the rates paid as salaries or per diem with the names of the officers, clerks or employes receiving compensation or payment for expenses; a statement of supplies and paper drawn from the supply department; a statement of printing and binding done for the several departments; a statement of fees collected and the disposition made thereof by each of said offices, boards, commissions and institutions. All bills against the state of Iowa of any kind or character including personal per diem and expense accounts, now or hereafter required by law to be examined and approved by the executive council before payment is made therefor, shall be made out in duplicate and filed in the office of the secretary of the executive council. A copy of all the reports required to be filed with the several state departments, boards or commissions, by the secretary of state, under the provisions of section 120 of the supplement to the code, 1907, shall be filed with the executive council. All other data required for this report shall be reported by the several state officers, departments or institutions to the executive council at such times and in such form as the executive council may direct. For the keeping of the necessary accounts, preparing the data thus to be reported and preparing the report required, the executive council may employ a competent clerk at not to exceed three (3) dollars per day for the time actually and necessarily employed, the expense thereof to be paid from the state treasury upon verified vouchers certified by the executive council."

SEC. 3. Repeal—biennial expense report—how published and distributed. Section one hundred sixty-three-b (163-b) of the supplement to the code, 1907, be and is hereby repealed and the following enacted in lieu thereof:

"The report required by section two (2) of the act shall be published by the executive council in an edition of five thousand (5,000) copies, five hun-

dred (500) of which shall be bound in cloth and the balance in paper covers, and shall be distributed as follows: one copy bound in cloth and fifteen (15) copies in paper covers to each member of the general assembly; one copy bound in cloth to each state officer, member of board and commission; one copy bound in cloth to each public, free and college library in the state; ten (10) copies bound in cloth to the state library; five (5) copies bound in cloth to the state historical department; one copy bound in paper to each county auditor, treasurer, clerk of the district court, and each newspaper in the state; the remaining copies in excess of the reserve list to be distributed on order of the executive council."

SEC. 4. In effect. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication in the Register and Leader and the Des Moines Capital, daily newspapers published in Des Moines, Iowa.

Approved April 12, A. D. 1909.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the Register and Leader and Des Moines Capital April 14, A. D. 1909.

W. C. HAYWARD,
Secretary of State.

CHAPTER 8.

SETTLEMENT OF STATE CLAIMS.

S. F. 45.

AN ACT providing a method for the settlement of claims and demands for money or other property held by the state against persons, partnerships, corporations or associations. [Additional to chapter seven (7) of title two (II) of the code, relating to executive council.]

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

SECTION 1. Settlement—how effected. Whenever, in the judgment of the attorney general, the strict enforcement by the state of a demand for money or other property against any person, partnership, corporation or joint stock association is impracticable or inequitable, he may submit to the executive council a written proposal for a compromise thereof, made by the party against whom the demand is asserted, with his opinion and advice thereon. The executive council shall thereupon consider the equities of the case, the situation and financial ability of the debtors, and the interests of the state, and determine in writing upon what terms the demand in question should be settled as against all or any of the parties thereto. Its report shall be filed with the governor, and thereupon the attorney general may adjust the claim in accordance with such determination and may execute on behalf of the state all papers necessary and proper to carry the compromise into effect, and to release from such claim any and all parties thereto who shall seasonably comply with the conditions of the settlement so authorized.

SEC. 2. In effect. This act being deemed of immediate importance shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the Register and Leader and Des Moines Capital, newspapers published in Des Moines, Iowa.

Approved February 24, A. D. 1909.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the Register and Leader and Des Moines Capital February 25, A. D. 1909.

W. C. HAYWARD,
Secretary of State.