

CHAPTER 383.

OBSTRUCTING ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

S. F. 600.

AN ACT to repeal the law as it appears in section forty-eight hundred eighty-two (4882) of the code relating to acts tending to corrupt or unduly influence public officials, and enacting a substitute therefor providing for the punishment of such acts and the prevention of the same.

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

1 SECTION 1. Obstructing administration of justice. That the
2 law as it appears in section forty-eight hundred eighty-two (4882) of
3 the code be and the same is hereby repealed and the following enacted
4 in lieu thereof:

5 If any person attempt in any manner to improperly influence, in-
6 timidate, impede or obstruct any petit juror, grand juror or other
7 officer in any civil or criminal action or proceeding, or any one drawn,
8 summoned, appointed or sworn as such juror or officer, or any arbi-
9 trator or referee, or any witness or any officer in, or of, any court
10 or tribunal in relation to any cause or matter or proceeding pending
11 in, or that may be brought before, such court or tribunal, for which
12 such juror or other officer has been drawn, appointed or in which
13 said witness has been, or may be, called to testify, or in regard to
14 which such officer is, or may be, required to act in his official
15 capacity, or, if any person shall intentionally, or by threat or force,
16 or by any threatening letter or threatening communication, or by any
17 public speech or in any other manner improperly influence, obstruct
18 or impede, or endeavor or attempt to improperly influence, obstruct
19 or impede the due administration of justice or the actions or conduct
20 of any such jurors, witnesses, arbitrator, referee or other officer, he
21 shall be punished by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars
22 (\$1,000) or by imprisonment in the penitentiary not more than one
23 year, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

1 SEC. 2. Injunction. The commission, threat or attempt to com-
2 mit any of the acts or things hereinbefore referred to shall be held to
3 be an injury to the general welfare and any person doing or threaten-
4 ing or attempting to do any such acts may be enjoined and restrained
5 at the suit of the state upon the relation of the attorney general.

1 SEC. 3. Publication clause. This act being deemed of immediate
2 importance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and pub-
3 lication in the Des Moines Register and the Des Moines Capital, news-
4 papers published in Des Moines, Iowa.

Approved April 25, A. D. 1917.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the Des Moines Capital April 26, 1917, and in the Des Moines Register April 27, 1917.

W. S. ALLEN, *Secretary of State.*