

CHAPTER 122.

CORONERS, WITNESSES AND JURORS IN INQUESTS.

H. F. 170.

AN ACT to amend section five hundred twenty (520), supplement to the code, 1913, and section five hundred twenty-nine (529) of the code, and to repeal section five hundred thirty (530) and section five hundred thirty-one (531) of the code and to enact substitutes therefor, relating to the duties and compensation of coroners, witnesses and jurors in inquests.

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

1 **SECTION 1. Scientific examination by coroner.** That section five
2 hundred twenty-nine (529) of the code, be amended by adding thereto
3 the following:

4 If the coroner is also a physician he may make such scientific exam-
5 ination.

6 **SEC. 2. Repeal and substitute—witness fees—compensation and**
1 **mileage for jurors.** That section five hundred thirty (530) of the
2 code, be and the same hereby is repealed and the following enacted in
3 lieu thereof: "Witnesses shall receive the same fee as witnesses are
4 paid in actions before justices of the peace. Jurors shall receive for
5 each day's service or attendance two dollars; and for each mile trav-
6 eled from his residence to the place of holding the inquest the sum of
7 ten cents."

1 **SEC. 3. Repeal and substitute—coroner—fees.** That section five
2 hundred thirty-one (531) of the code, be and the same hereby is
3 repealed and the following enacted in lieu thereof: "The coroner is
4 entitled to charge and receive the following fees:

5 1. For a view of each body upon which an inquest is held, ten
6 dollars;

7 2. For a view of each body upon which no inquest is held, five
8 dollars;

9 3. For issuing each subpoena, warrant, or order for a jury, twenty-
10 five cents;

11 4. For docketing each case, one dollar;

12 5. For each mile traveled to and returning from an examination or
13 inquest ten cents;

14 6. For taking down in writing the evidence of witnesses, when no
15 stenographer is employed as provided in section five hundred twenty,
16 supplement to the code, 1913, ten cents per hundred words.

17 7. For returning a copy of the verdict with minutes of the testi-
18 mony to the state inspector of mines, as provided by section five hun-
19 dred and sixteen of the code, three dollars.

20 8. Which fees shall be paid out of the county treasury when they
21 cannot be obtained from the estate of deceased.

22 9. For all other services, the same fees as are allowed sheriffs in
23 similar cases, to be paid in like manner."

1 **SEC. 4. Subpoenas or other process—serving of.** That section five
2 hundred twenty (520) of the supplement to the code, 1913, be amended
3 by adding thereto the following:

4 In the absence of any officer authorized to serve subpoenas or other
5 process, the coroner may depute some suitable person to serve the
6 same or may himself perform such duties.

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CHAPTER 123.

THE HOUSING LAW OF IOWA.

S. F. 475.

AN ACT in relation to the housing of the people in cities of the first class and special charter cities and cities under commission form of government, to promote the health, safety and welfare of the people by regulating the light and ventilation, sanitation, fire protection, maintenance, alteration and improvement of dwellings; to define the classes of dwellings affected by the act, to establish administrative requirements and to establish remedies and fix penalties for the violation thereof; also providing that all other cities and incorporated towns may adopt ordinances for the regulation and control of any or all of such matters and fix penalties for the violation thereof; also providing that the state board of health may apply and enforce the provisions of this act in mining camps.

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

GENERAL PROVISIONS.

1 SECTION 1. Scope of the act. This act shall be known as the Hous-
2 ing Law of Iowa and shall apply to every city of the first class and
3 special charter cities and cities under commission form of govern-
4 ment which, by the last state or federal census, had a population of
5 15,000 or more, and to every city as its population shall reach 15,000
6 thereafter by any state or federal census; provided, however, that in
7 all other cities, including special charter cities having a population of
8 less than 15,000, and in incorporated towns, the council may adopt
9 ordinances for the regulation and control of any or all matters covered
10 by the provisions of this act, in so far as same may be reasonably
11 applicable, and fix penalties for the violation thereof; and fix rules and
12 regulations not inconsistent with those provided in this act for the
13 enforcement of said ordinances.

1 SEC. 2. Definitions. Certain words in this act are defined for the
2 purposes thereof as follows: Words used in the present tense include
3 the future; words in the masculine gender include the feminine and
4 neuter; the singular number includes the plural and the plural the
5 singular; the word "person" includes a corporation as well as a nat-
6 ural person.

7 (1) *Dwelling.* A "dwelling" is any house or building or portion
8 thereof which is occupied in whole or in part as the home or resi-
9 dence of one or more human beings, either permanently or
10 transiently.

11 (2) *Classes of dwellings.* For the purposes of this act dwellings
12 are divided into the following classes: (a) "Private dwellings," (b)
13 "two family dwellings," and (c) "multiple dwellings."