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W. C. RAMSAY, *Secretary of State.*

CHAPTER 177

INVENTORY BY PUBLIC OFFICERS

S. F. 524.

AN ACT to require all public officers in the state of Iowa to take an inventory of the real and personal property under their care, custody, control or management, and to keep the same on file in their respective offices, and in the offices of the auditor of state, and county auditor, board of control and board of education, and for the dismissal from office of public officers who fail to file such inventories.

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

1 SECTION 1. Inventory required. All public officers be, and the
2 same hereby are, required to take an inventory of the real and per-
3 sonal property under their care, custody, control or management,
4 and to keep the same on file in their respective offices, and in the
5 offices of the auditor of state and county auditor, board of control
6 and board of education, and providing for the dismissal from office
7 of public officers who fail to file such inventories.

1 SEC. 2. Officers required to file—requirements. It shall be the
2 duty of every officer, board, commission, department and institution
3 of the state government, and of the officers of counties, and of cities,
4 including cities acting under special charter, towns, townships, school
5 corporations, and public libraries, on or before the first day of Decem-
6 ber, 1921, to file an inventory, verified by oath, of all of the property,
7 both real and personal, belonging to the state of Iowa, and to the
8 counties, cities, including cities acting under special charter, towns,
9 townships, school corporations, and public libraries, under the charge,
10 care, custody, control or management of the officer, board, commis-
11 sion, department, or institution of the state government, and of the
12 counties, cities, including cities acting under special charter, towns,
13 townships and school corporations, respectively, except that sta-
14 tionery, office supplies, fuel, food, perishable property, personal prop-
15 erty temporary in character, may be listed in bulk by estimate.

16 Such inventories shall contain a correct legal description of the
17 real estate under the care, custody, control or management of such
18 officer, board, commission, department, institution, county, city, town,
19 township, school corporation, and public library, and shall contain
20 an adequate description of all buildings and other improvements.

21 Such inventories as to personal property shall contain an itemized
22 statement of all the personal property under the care, custody, con-
23 trol or management of such officer, board, commission, department,
24 institution, county, city, town, township, school corporation, or pub-
25 lic library, respectively, together with the value of the same.

26 On or before the first day of December of each succeeding year,
27 like inventories, verified by oath, shall be filed, as hereinbefore re-
28 quired. In case other additional property, either real or personal,
29 shall at any time after the filing of such inventories be purchased or
30 otherwise come under the care, control, custody, or management of
31 such officer, board, commission, department, institution, county, city,
32 town, township, school corporation, or public library, respectively,
33 supplemental inventories shall be filed on the first day of January,
34 April, July and October following the acquisition thereof.

1 **SEC. 3. Report as to used property.** In case any property so
2 inventoried shall be sold, destroyed, or used for proper purposes, a
3 statement of such property shall be filed on the first day of Janu-
4 ary, April, July and October following the disposition thereof, said
5 statement to show an itemized list of said property together with a
6 statement as to the value of the same, and the purpose for which the
7 same was used.

1 **SEC. 4. Officer chargeable.** All property once accounted for
2 shall stand charged against the public officer, or officers, accountable
3 therefor, unless destroyed or expended for public purposes.

1 **SEC. 5. Public inspection—place of filing.** Inventories of pub-
2 lic property herein required shall remain on file in the office wherein
3 the same have been prepared, for public use and inspection, and dup-
4 licate copies shall be filed as follows:

5 (a) For all state officers, boards, departments, commissions and
6 institutions, to be filed with the auditor of state, except that duplicate
7 inventories of property under supervision of the board of control and
8 board of education shall be filed in the respective offices of said boards.

9 (b) For counties, cities, including cities acting under special char-
10 ter, towns, townships, school corporations, and public libraries, with
11 the county auditor of the county wherein such city, town, township,
12 school corporation or public library is situated.

1 **SEC. 6. Duty of state and county auditor.** It shall be the duty
2 of the auditor of state, and of the county auditor, to see that the
3 inventories and statements herein required to be filed are so filed
4 in their respective offices.

1 **SEC. 7. Forms—conference—expense.** The auditor of state is
2 hereby authorized and directed to formulate and prescribe a system
3 of books, blanks, records, vouchers, receipts, etc., for use of all the
4 public offices or officers herein mentioned, which system shall be
5 adopted and used by officers and offices mentioned in this act.

6 To assist in the preparation of forms and records as above con-
7 templated, the auditor of state is hereby authorized to call a commit-
8 tee in conference to meet in Des Moines, Iowa, to be composed of one
9 member each from officers serving as county, city, board of control
10 and board of education officials. The committee thus appointed shall
11 serve without compensation except that the necessary traveling, ho-
12 tel and other expenses of the members for a period of not more than
13 thirty days shall be paid by the state, and the auditor of state is here-
14 by authorized to draw warrants upon the treasurer of state for the
15 payment of such expenses upon receipt of vouchers therefor properly
16 filed with and approved by the executive council.

1 **SEC. 8. Forms furnished.** The auditor of state shall, as soon as
 2 practicable after the same have been prepared, furnish each office or
 3 officer affected by this act with a complete set of all forms prescribed
 4 under the provisions of the preceding section, and the expense there-
 5 of shall be paid in the same manner as other like expenses of the of-
 6 fice of the auditor of state.

1 **SEC. 9. Failure to perform duty.** Any officer or officers having
 2 the care, custody, control or management of public property herein
 3 mentioned who neglect or fail to file said inventory, or supplemental
 4 inventory as herein required, shall be subject to removal, dismissal
 5 or discharge by the proper authority.

1 **SEC. 10. Publication clause.** This act, being deemed of immedi-
 2 ate importance, shall take effect and be in force from and after its
 3 publication in the Des Moines Register, and Des Moines Capital,
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CHAPTER 178

WEATHER AND CROP SERVICE BUREAU

S. F. 567.

AN ACT to repeal section thirteen hundred sixty-three (1363) supplement to the code, 1913, (C. C. 1629), sixteen hundred seventy-seven (1677), sixteen hundred seventy-eight (1678), sixteen hundred eighty (1680) of the code, 1897, (C. C. 1649, 1650, 1652), section sixteen hundred seventy-nine (1679) supplement to the code, 1913, and section sixteen hundred eighty-one (1681) supplement to the code, 1913, as amended by chapter three hundred sixty-three (363), laws of the thirty-eighth general assembly, and to enact substitutes therefor, and providing for the collection and dissemination of weather, crop and livestock statistics and meteorological data, and making an appropriation therefor.

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

1 **SECTION 1. Weather and crop service bureau.** There is hereby
 2 established the state weather and crop service bureau which shall
 3 cooperate with the national agencies for the purpose of collecting
 4 and disseminating weather, crop and livestock statistics and meteoro-
 5 logical data, and of promoting knowledge of meteorology and the
 6 climatology of the state.

1 **SEC. 2. Supervisor—director—appointment.** Said bureau shall
 2 be under the supervision of the state board of agriculture. The
 3 central station shall be at the seat of government and in charge
 4 of a director who shall be appointed by the governor, and shall be
 5 an officer of the United States weather bureau, if one be detailed
 6 for that purpose.