

of the sum due, for collector's fees thereon, and to deliver such rate bill, with the warrant annexed, to the collector of said district, who shall execute the same in like manner, and with like effect with the other warrants for the collection of taxes placed in his hands, or in the discretion of the board, to any person whom they may appoint for that especial duty, who shall have the same powers in the execution of said warrant that the collector of taxes of said district has, by virtue of this act, and shall give similar bonds, and be subject to the same penalties for any official misconduct; but no tuition fees shall be assessed against, or collected from, persons who do not send scholars to any of said district schools.

SEC. 6. **Warrant—distress—sale.** The warrant annexed to any rate bill pursuant to the provisions of this act, shall be under the hands of the trustees, or a majority of them, and shall command the collector to collect from every person in such rate bill named, the sum therein set opposite his name, and in case any person so named shall not pay such sum on demand thereof, to levy the same, together with the fees of the collector by distress and sale of the goods and chattles in his possession, wheresoever the same may be found in the district, and to make returns of such warrant to the treasurer of the district within thirty days after the delivery thereof.

[159] SEC. 7. **Special meeting—vote for or vs. the act—record—election.** The present board of directors of said district, in their discretion, at any time after the passage of this act, shall call a special meeting of the electors thereof, and cause a vote to be taken on the acceptance of this act, in which the vote shall be "for the act" or "against the act" and shall be taken by ballot, and if the vote shall be in favor of the acceptance, such result shall be declared, and be entered on the records of the district, and thenceforth the same is accepted and become of full force in said district; and the meeting shall then proceed to the election of trustees for said district, which election shall be by ballot.

SEC. 8. **Take effect.** This act shall be in force from and after its publication in the Iowa Capital Reporter, and Iowa Democratic Enquirer.

Approved, January 24, 1853.

I certify that the foregoing act was published in the Iowa Capital Reporter, Feb. 9, and Iowa Democratic Enquirer, February 12, 1853.

GEO. W. McCLEARY,  
Secretary of State.

## CHAPTER 102.

### STATE PRINTER.

AN ACT to amend the several acts in relation to a state printer.

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

SECTION 1. **Compensation—laws, etc.—binding—large volume—bills—blanks.** That from and after the term of service of the state printer elected at the last session of the general assembly, the state printer shall receive for his services the following compensation, to-wit: for printing the laws, journals, documents, and all other book or pamphlet work, fifty cents per thousand and ems, for composition, fifty cents, and double price for rule and figure work, fifty cents per token for sixteen page form, when the work ordered is enough to make such a form, for press work. For stitching, folding, pressing and binding the laws and journals of the general assembly, in strong

[160] paper covers, five cents per copy. For folding, stitching, pressing and printing any large volume of laws, in the manner in which the code is bound, fifty cents per copy, for bills ordered by either house of the general assembly, fifty cents per thousand ems for composition, fifty cents per token for press work to be printed in 'pica type,' the lines numbered, beginning with the figure one at the commencement of each section, with a space between the lines, not exceeding the size of pica; for printing blanks for the officers of state, one dollar and twenty-five cents per quire, for the first quire, fifty cents for each additional quire, until the quantity equals a ream; when the quantity is from one to five reams, twenty-five cents per quire; when the quantity exceeds five reams, fifty cents per thousand ems for composition, and fifty cents per token (of as large a form as sixteen page octavo form.)

**One charge—account.** When the printing of the same document is ordered by both houses of the general assembly, there shall be allowed only one charge for the composition; no charge shall be made for unnecessary blanks, nor for constructive services. The work shall be done full and in a workmanlike manner. The accounts of the public printer in addition to the mode of auditing now required, shall be verified by his affidavit.

**Transportation—proof.** The public printer shall pay and discharge all cost and expense arising from transportation of paper and other materials to and from the capitol of the state, and the place where the printing may be executed, and all postage between himself and the executive departments. He shall employ skilful and competent proof-readers at his own expense, and shall not be allowed for any constructive services or for any contingencies.

**SEC. 2. Stationery—proposals—contract—delivery—payment.** The auditor, secretary, and treasurer of state shall make an estimate or estimates of all the paper needed for the public printing, and of all the paper, pens, ink, and other articles of stationery necessary for the general assembly, the public officers and the supreme court and the auditor shall advertise for sealed proposals of the quantity, quality and kinds thereof, which may be needed for the public use in two newspapers at the capital, and in one newspaper printed at St. Louis, Chicago, and New York, for the period of sixty days, [161] requiring a delivery of the articles at least ninety days before the same will be wanted for public use, and bids for the same shall be opened by said auditor, treasurer and secretary, at such time as may be fixed by said advertisement; and they shall award the contract or contracts for furnishing said stationery, paper, etc., to the lowest responsible bidder or bidders therefor who shall give security, to be approved by them, for the performance of his or their contract; and upon the delivery of the articles contracted for at the office of the secretary of state, at the capitol, in compliance with the terms of said contract or contracts, and presenting a receipt or receipts therefor, signed by the secretary to the auditor of state, he shall issue to the contractor or contractors, his warrant on the treasurer for the amount due, which shall be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

**SEC. 3. Secretary to furnish printer—officers supreme court.** It shall be the duty of the secretary of state, to take charge of said articles, and furnish the public printer elected to serve after the expiration of the term of the public printer elected at the last session of the General Assembly, all the paper needed for the various kinds of public printing, in such quantities as may be needed for the prompt discharge of his duties, and he shall supply the Governor, Secretary of State, Auditor, Treasurer, Attorney General, Clerk of the Supreme Court, Superintendent of Public Instruction, and General Assembly, all the stationery required for public use, taking receipts of the proper officers therefor.

**SEC. 4. Repeal—take effect.** All acts and parts of acts conflicting with the provisions of this act, are hereby repealed; and this act shall be in force from and after its publication in the Reporter and Republican newspapers published at Iowa City.

Approved, January 24th, 1853.

I certify that the foregoing act was published in the Iowa Republican, Feb. 2d, and Iowa Capital Reporter, February 9, 1853.

GEO. W. McCLEARY,  
Secretary of State.

[162] CHAPTER 103.

DESMOINES RIVER IMPROVEMENT.

AN ACT to secure to the electors of Iowa, the right to elect a commissioner and register of the Des Moines river improvement, and to make further provisions for the prosecution and completion of said improvement.

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

**SECTION 1. Election—commissioner and register—term—returns—qualifications.** That there shall be a commissioner and register of the Des Moines river improvement elected by the qualified electors of this state, on the first Monday of April, 1853, who shall hold their respective offices for the term of two years and until their successors are elected and qualified; the said election to be conducted as other state elections are, and returns made, canvassed, and certified, as provided in the case of other state officers; and the said commissioner and register to qualify as is provided in sections 3 and 4 of "an act to secure the more vigorous prosecution and early completion of the Des Moines River Improvement," etc., approved Feb. 5th, 1853.

**SEC. 2. Assistants.** That for the purpose of aiding the commissioner in conducting or concluding any contract, or agreement, under the provisions of this act, or any other act on the subject of the Des Moines River Improvement, George G. Wright, of Van Buren county, and Uriah Biggs of Wapello county, are hereby appointed his assistants, with equal power with said commissioner, in making and determining such contracts and agreements, as are mentioned in section 6 of this act.

**SEC. 3. Oath.** Prior to the said assistants entering upon the discharge of the duties devolved upon them, they shall each take and subscribe an oath that they will faithfully and impartially discharge their said duties, which said oath shall be filed with the register.

**SEC. 4. Duties—powers.** The duties of said assistants shall not extend any further than to aid said commissioners in negotiating such contracts or agreements as are contemplated in this act, or any other act passed at the present session of the general assembly; and any thing in this act, or any act on the subject of the Des Moines river improvement, which vests authority and power in the commissioner and register to make contracts and agreements, is herein so modified as to vest said power and authority in the said commissioner and the two assistants.

**SEC. 5. Pay.** The compensation to each of the said assistants shall be three dollars per day, for each day he may be necessarily engaged in negotiating as aforesaid, to be paid out of any moneys arising from the sales of lands granted to this state, to aid in improving said river.