Sec. 23. Failure to give bond. Any officer who acts in an official capacity without giving bond when such bond is required shall be fined in an amount not exceeding the amount of the bond required of him.

That section two hundred forty-one-a thirty-six (241-a36) of the supplement to the compiled Code of Iowa is amended, revised, and codified to read as follows:

Sec. 24. Superintendent of printing - appointment - duties. The printing board shall, by a majority vote, appoint some person having the same qualifications as the appointive members of the board who shall be officially known as superintendent of printing, and be ex officio secretary and general executive officer of the board. Said superintendent shall serve during the pleasure of the board.

That section two hundred forty-seven-a one (247-al) of the supplement to the compiled Code of Iowa is amended, revised, and codified to read as

follows:

Sec. 25. Appointment and tenure. The executive council shall appoint a custodian of public buildings and grounds who shall hold office during the pleasure of said council.

Approved February 2, 1924.

## CHAPTER 22 RELEASE OF SURETIES ON BONDS S. F. 33

AN ACT to amend, revise, and codify sections six hundred thirty-two (632) and six hundred thirty-eight (638) of the compiled code of Iowa, relating to the release of sureties on bonds required by law.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

That section six hundred thirty-two (632) of the compiled Code of Iowa is amended, revised, and codified to read as follows:

Section 1. Release of sureties on bonds of public officers. When any surety on the bond of a public officer desires to be relieved of his obligation, he may petition the approving officer or board for relief, stating the grounds therefor.

That section six hundred thirty-sight (638) of the compiled Code of Iowa is amended, revised, and codified to read as follows:

- Sec. 2. Release of sureties on other bonds. When the principal on the bond has been appointed by a judge or court or it under the jurisdiction of a court, the patition for release must be presented to said court and the release shall be made subject to the orders of said court. Sureties on other bonds required by law who desire to be released of their obligation may proceed in the manner required for release in case of bonds of public officers. The provisions of this section shall not apply to sureties on bonds given to secure the performance of contracts for public works, nor to sureties on appearance bonds in criminal cases.
- Sec. 3. Return of premium by surety. When a surety is released as heretofore provided, he shall refund to the party entitles thereto the premium paid, if any, less a pro rata part thereof for the time said bond has been in force.