

## CHAPTER 151

## COUNTY HOMES

H. F. 163

AN ACT to amend chapter one hundred eighty-nine and five tenths (189.5), Code, 1939, relating to county homes.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter one hundred eighty-nine and five tenths  
2 (189.5), code of 1939, is hereby amended by adding the following  
3 section:

4 "The board may, at its discretion and in the interests of efficiency  
5 and economy in the care of its poor, enter into an agreement with the  
6 board of any adjoining county for the transfer of the inmates of the  
7 county home of one of said counties to that of the other and for the  
8 mutual support and maintenance of said inmates by said counties.  
9 The cost of maintaining and supporting said inmates shall be divided  
10 between the two counties upon an equitable basis to be mutually agreed  
11 upon by the joint boards of the contracting counties."

1 SECTION 2. This act being deemed of immediate importance shall  
2 be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication in  
3 the Riceville Recorder, a newspaper published at Riceville, Iowa, and  
4 in the New Era, a newspaper published at Elma, Iowa.

Approved March 24, 1941.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the Riceville Recorder, Riceville, Iowa, April 2, 1941, and the New Era, Elma, Iowa, March 27, 1941.

EARL G. MILLER, *Secretary of State.*

## CHAPTER 152

## SCHOOL LAW REVISION

S. F. 291

AN ACT to authorize the appointment by the governor of a commission to cooperate with the superintendent of public instruction in the preparation of a proposed revision and codification of the laws of Iowa relating to education; to authorize a survey and necessary research to justify any changes in the organization, support, and government of the public schools; to authorize an appropriation for the carrying out of the provisions of the act; to authorize and direct the report of the commission and the state superintendent to be given to the governor of Iowa; to authorize and direct the printing of the same and placing of copies in the hands of the Fiftieth (50) General Assembly.

WHEREAS, the school laws of the state of Iowa have been in the process of development for many years, and,

WHEREAS, the present statutes relating to education contain numerous conflicts, uncertainties, and omissions which interfere with proper efficiency and economy in the operation of the school system, and,

WHEREAS, there are gross inequalities in Iowa schools both with regard to educational opportunity and in the ability of many communities to support an adequate program of education, therefore

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

1 SECTION 1. The Governor of the state of Iowa is hereby authorized  
2 to appoint a commission of four (4) members to assist the State Super-  
3 intendent of Public Instruction in the revision and codification of the  
4 laws of Iowa relating to education and the preparation of a proposed  
5 school code for the state of Iowa. The State Superintendent of Public  
6 Instruction shall be ex-officio chairman of this Commission and is  
7 hereby authorized, directed, and empowered to carry out the provisions  
8 of this act. In carrying out the duties imposed upon her by this act,  
9 the State Superintendent with the approval of the Commission is  
10 authorized to employ such persons as may be needed and incur such  
11 expenses as may be necessary to complete satisfactorily the work with-  
12 in the time allotted, such salaries and expenses to be paid out of the  
13 appropriations to the Department of Public Instruction for salaries  
14 and necessary and regular expenses. For which purpose there is hereby  
15 appropriated from the general fund of the state and added to the  
16 regular funds of the Department of Public Instruction for each year  
17 of the biennium beginning July 1, 1941, and ending June 30, 1943, a  
18 sum of seven thousand five hundred (\$7500.00) dollars or so much  
19 thereof as may be necessary for the purpose of carrying out the pro-  
20 visions of this act, any unexpended balance to carry over. The use of  
21 this fund is limited exclusively to the carrying out the provisions of  
22 this act and any unexpended funds shall revert to the general fund of  
23 the state of Iowa at the termination of the duties of said Commission.

1 SEC. 2. That the State Superintendent of Public Instruction with  
2 the advice and cooperation of the Commission shall prepare or cause  
3 to be prepared a proposed new school code which shall consist in a  
4 complete revision and codification of the laws of Iowa relating to  
5 education. All obsolete, conflicting, or inoperative sections shall be  
6 removed and whenever it is apparent that there are omissions or errors  
7 which would handicap the efficient operation of schools or whenever  
8 new or additional provisions should be made, it shall be done. More-  
9 over, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction shall with the  
10 advice of the Commission, after due investigation, research, public  
11 hearings and consultations with educators and laymen, prepare and sub-  
12 mit to the Fiftieth (50th) General Assembly any additions or changes  
13 to the laws in order to facilitate and bring about the equalization of  
14 educational opportunity to all the children of Iowa through the re-  
15 organization of the present districts, changes in the system of taxation  
16 and support, or any other general or specific changes in the present  
17 state system of public education which will make the operation of the  
18 public schools of the state more efficient or more economical. The  
19 commission shall give special attention to the problem of raising  
20 revenue for school purposes other than direct taxes upon tangible  
21 property and also to the problems of alleviating or adjusting the taxes  
22 on agricultural lands. The said State Superintendent with the coopera-  
23 tion and approval of the Commission shall prepare bills or cause to be  
24 prepared bills to effect their recommendations and attached to each  
25 bill shall be an explanation of the same, which bills and explanations  
26 shall accompany and be a part of the report of the Commission. It is

27 intended that the report of the Commission shall present a complete  
28 revision and codification of the laws relating to education, the public  
29 school system and the raising of revenue therefor. Said report shall  
30 be completed and filed with the Governor not later than sixty (60) days  
31 preceding the convening of the 50th General Assembly, and thereupon  
32 the Governor shall cause a thousand copies of the same to be printed  
33 and a copy placed in the hands of the members of the 50th General  
34 Assembly as early as possible prior to the convening of said 50th  
35 General Assembly and copies made available to other interested parties.

1 SEC. 3. Said State Superintendent of Public Instruction and the  
2 Commission shall be furnished with quarters and supplies for use in  
3 the discharge of their duties and may call upon the Supreme Court and  
4 other state officials and departments as well as county officials and  
5 local school authorities for information and assistance. It shall have  
6 power to call in for consultation or other service qualified persons in  
7 the fields of education, taxation, school finance and law, and to pay  
8 expenses of such persons, and may pay such persons a fee or per diem  
9 for their services.

1 SEC. 4. The members of the Commission shall qualify by subscrib-  
2 ing to the oath required of state officers.

1 SEC. 5. The members of the Commission shall receive their neces-  
2 sary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties, and in addi-  
3 tion the members of the Commission appointed by the Governor shall  
4 receive a compensation per diem for each day actually devoted to the  
5 work of the Commission; said per diem for each of said members shall  
6 be not more than ten (10) dollars per day.

1 SEC. 6. Said Commission shall enter upon its duties on or before the  
2 first day of May, 1941, and upon the completion of its duties shall  
3 dissolve and its members stand discharged.

1 SEC. 7. If any section or provision of this act is declared uncon-  
2 stitutional, the remaining sections or provisions of the act shall not be  
3 affected thereby.

1 SEC. 8. This act being deemed of immediate importance shall be in  
2 full force and effect from and after its passage and publication in the  
3 Newton Daily News, a newspaper published at Newton, Iowa, and the  
4 Waterloo Courier, a newspaper published at Waterloo, Iowa.

Approved April 10, 1941.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the Newton Daily News,  
Newton, Iowa, April 15, 1941, and the Waterloo Courier, Waterloo, Iowa, April 14, 1941.  
EARL G. MILLER, *Secretary of State.*

## CHAPTER 153

LOANS AND INVESTMENTS OF ENDOWMENT FUNDS OF STATE  
EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

H. F. 250

AN ACT to amend section three thousand nine hundred twenty-six (3926), Code, 1939, relating to loans and investments of endowment funds.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section three thousand nine hundred twenty-six (3926),  
2 code, 1939, is hereby amended by striking from line two (2) the word  
3 "loan" and substituting in lieu thereof the word "invest".

1 SEC. 2. Section three thousand nine hundred twenty-six (3926),  
2 code, 1939, is hereby amended by striking from line five (5) of sub-  
3 section one (1) the word "fifty" and inserting in lieu thereof the word  
4 "sixty-five".

1 SEC. 3. Section three thousand nine hundred twenty-six (3926),  
2 code, 1939, is hereby amended by striking all of subsection two (2)  
3 thereof and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

4 "2. Each such loan if for a sum more than one-fourth of the value  
5 of the farm shall be on the basis of stipulated annual principal reduc-  
6 tions."

1 SEC. 4. Section three thousand nine hundred twenty-six (3926),  
2 code, 1939, is hereby amended by striking all of subsection three (3)  
3 after the word "committee" in line two (2) and substituting in lieu  
4 thereof the words "in bonds of the United States; in notes, bonds, and  
5 certificates of indebtedness the payment of which is guaranteed by the  
6 United States; also in bonds of this state, and of counties, cities and  
7 school districts in Iowa."

1 SEC. 5. Section three thousand nine hundred twenty-six (3926),  
2 code, 1939, is hereby amended by adding the following subsection:  
3 "6. All loans made under the provisions of this section shall have an  
4 interest rate of not less than three and one-half per cent per annum."

1 SEC. 6. This act being deemed of immediate importance shall be in  
2 full force and effect from and after its passage and publication in the  
3 Spencer Times, a newspaper published at Spencer, Iowa, and the  
4 Oskaloosa Daily Herald, a newspaper published at Oskaloosa, Iowa.

Approved March 21, 1941.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the Spencer Times, Spencer,  
Iowa, March 27, 1941, and the Oskaloosa Daily Herald, Oskaloosa, Iowa, March 24, 1941.

EARL G. MILLER, *Secretary of State.*