

## CHAPTER 214

## PHOTOGRAPHIC EVIDENCE

H. F. 36

AN ACT to amend chapter six hundred twenty-two (622), Code 1950, relating to the admission in evidence of copies of any memorandum, writing, entry print, representation or combination thereof, of any act, transaction, occurrence or event in the regular course of business, reproduced by any photographic, photostatic, micro-film, micro-card, miniature photographic, or other process which accurately reproduces or forms a durable medium for so reproducing the original.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter six hundred twenty-two (622), Code 1950,  
2 is hereby amended by adding thereto the following:  
3 "If any business, institution, member of a profession or calling,  
4 or any department or agency of government, in the regular course  
5 of business or activity has kept or recorded any memorandum, writ-  
6 ing, entry print, representation or combination thereof, of any act,  
7 transaction, occurrence or event and in the regular course of business  
8 has caused any or all of the same to be recorded, copied or repro-  
9 duced by any photographic, photostatic, micro-film, micro-card,  
10 miniature photographic, or other process which accurately repro-  
11 duces or forms a durable medium for so reproducing the original,  
12 the original may be destroyed in the regular course of business un-  
13 less held in a custodial or fiduciary capacity or unless its preserva-  
14 tion is required by law. Such reproduction, when satisfactorily  
15 identified, is as admissible in evidence as the original itself in any  
16 judicial or administrative proceeding whether the original is in exist-  
17 ence or not and an enlargement or facsimile of such reproduction  
18 is likewise admissible in evidence if the original reproduction is in  
19 existence and available for inspection under direction of court. The  
20 introduction of a reproduced record, enlargement or facsimile, does  
21 not preclude admission of the original."

Approved February 19, 1951.

## CHAPTER 215

## ALIENS' INHERITANCE

S. F. 318

AN ACT to amend chapter six hundred thirty-six (636), Code 1950, relating to descent and distribution and providing that aliens may inherit to the extent that citizens of the United States may inherit in such foreign country.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter six hundred thirty-six (636), Code 1950, is  
2 hereby amended by adding thereto the following new sections:  
3 1. "The right of aliens not residing within the United States or its  
4 territories to take real property in this state by succession or testa-  
5 mentary disposition, upon the same terms and conditions as residents  
6 and citizens of the United States is dependent in each case upon the  
7 existence of a reciprocal right upon the part of citizens of the United  
8 States to take real property upon the same terms and conditions as

9 residents and citizens of the respective countries of which such aliens  
 10 are residents and the right of aliens not residing in the United States  
 11 or its territories to take personal property in this state by succession  
 12 or testamentary disposition, upon the same terms and conditions as  
 13 residents and citizens of the United States is dependent in each case  
 14 upon the existence of a reciprocal right upon the part of citizens of  
 15 the United States to take personal property upon the same terms and  
 16 conditions as residents and citizens of the respective countries of which  
 17 such aliens are residents.

18 2. "The burden shall be upon such nonresident aliens to establish  
 19 the fact of existence of the reciprocal rights set forth in paragraph  
 20 one (1).

21 3. "If such reciprocal rights are not found to exist and if no heirs  
 22 other than such aliens are found eligible to take such property, the  
 23 property shall be disposed of as escheated property."

Approved April 16, 1951.

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## CHAPTER 216

### DISTRIBUTIVE SHARE OF SURVIVING SPOUSE

H. F. 21

AN ACT to amend section six hundred thirty-six point thirty-eight (636.38), Code 1950, relating to the amount a surviving spouse may select from the estate of a deceased spouse.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section six hundred thirty-six point thirty-eight  
 2 (636.38), Code 1950, is amended by striking from lines five (5) and  
 3 six (6) the words "seventy-five hundred" and inserting in lieu there-  
 4 of the words "fifteen thousand."

Approved February 1, 1951.

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## CHAPTER 217

### PAYMENT OF SMALL LEGACIES

H. F. 401

AN ACT to amend section six hundred thirty-eight point forty-one (638.41), Code 1950, relating to payment of small legacies to minors or incompetents.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section six hundred thirty-eight point forty-one  
 2 (638.41), Code 1950, is hereby amended by striking from line eight  
 3 (8), the word "two" (2) and inserting in lieu thereof the word "five"  
 4 (5).

Approved May 15, 1951.