

to enquire into the relations of the state of Iowa with Winterbottom & Jones, in relation to a contract made between the state and Winterbottom & Jones, or their assignees, contractors, lessees of the convict labor of the Iowa penitentiary, and all matters connected with said contract, and with action and actions now pending, and report at the earliest possible period to the governor, whether said lessees and contractors are indebted to the state, and if so what amount is due—whether said contract is forfeited by said contractors.

SEC. 2. **Legal proceedings instituted by the gov.** If the attorney general shall report that there is money due the state from said contractors, then the governor may, if said contractors shall not pay the amount so reported due into the state treasury, or secure the same to the state, to the satisfaction of the governor, direct the attorney general to commence and prosecute such legal proceedings as he shall judge necessary for the enforcement of the collection of the claims of the state against said contractors.

[107] SEC. 3. **Contr'ct annull'd.** If the attorney general shall find and report that said contractors have forfeited their right under their contract with the state, he shall commence and prosecute such legal proceedings as may be necessary in the name of the state of Iowa for the purpose of annulling said contract, and placing the state in possession of the property and rights held and used by said contractors.

SEC. 4. **Convict labor.** In case the said contract shall be annulled, the governor shall provide for the employment of the convict laborers of the penitentiary under the charge of the warden, for the benefit of the state; and the same power shall be vested in the governor in case said contractors shall abandon said contract to the state.

SEC. 5. **Attorney gen'l.** The attorney general, for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of this act, shall have power to prosecute or discontinue any suit or suits now brought against Winterbottom & Jones, if, in the name, or by the authority of the state, as in his judgment shall be for the interest of the state.

SEC. 6. This act shall be in force and take effect from and after its publication in the Iowa State Journal and Iowa State Register, at Des Moines.

Approved April 3d, 1860.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the Iowa State Journal April 14th, 1860, and in the Iowa State Register, April 25th, 1860.

ELIJAH SELLS,  
Secretary of State.

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CHAPTER 87.

[Chap. 142.]

APPRAISEMENT.

AN ACT providing for the taking effect of Senate File No. 6, an act to provide for the appraisement of property sold under execution on its publication.

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

SECTION 1. **Take effect by publication.** That senate file No. six, a bill for an act to provide for the appraisement of property [108] sold under execution, which passed both branches of the general assembly on Saturday, March (twenty-ninth) 29, 1860, shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the State Register and State Journal, anything in the code of Iowa to the contrary notwithstanding.

SEC. 2. That this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the State Register and State Journal.

Approved April 3, 1860.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the Iowa State Register April 11th, 1860, and in the State Journal.

ELIJAH SELLS,  
Secretary of State.