

## CHAPTER 817

LAW ENFORCEMENT, GOVERNOR,  
AND ATTORNEY GENERAL — SPECIAL POWERSReferred to in [§801.1](#)

817.1	Photographs — measurements — Bertillon system.	817.3	Certified law enforcement officers — oaths, signatures, and testimony.
817.2	Power of governor and attorney general.		

**817.1 Photographs — measurements — Bertillon system.**

It shall be lawful for the sheriff of any county or the chief of police in any city in this state, to take or procure the taking of the photograph of any person held to answer on a charge of any felony, such person being in the custody of such officer, or to make and record any measurements of such prisoner, by the Bertillon or other system, and to exchange such photographs, or measurements, or copies of the same, with other sheriffs and police officers, or to distribute the same by mail for the purpose of securing evidence for the identification of such person held to answer, if the identity and past record of the said person are unknown to the sheriff or chief of police; and the cost of such photographs and measurements, and of distributing the same, may be allowed by the court as a part of the costs in the case.

[S13, §5499-a; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §13904; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, §782.8; C79, 81, §817.1]

**817.2 Power of governor and attorney general.**

The governor and attorney general shall each have the power to call to their aid in the enforcement of the law any peace officer; and when such officers are so called upon it shall be their duty faithfully to render such assistance as may be required, in any part of the state, and such peace officers while so acting shall have the same powers throughout the state as possessed by the sheriff of the county in which such peace officer is acting.

[C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §13411; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, §748.6; C79, 81, §817.2]  
Referred to in [§331.653](#)

**817.3 Certified law enforcement officers — oaths, signatures, and testimony.**

A law enforcement officer, as defined in [section 80B.3](#), who is certified by the Iowa law enforcement academy, may administer oaths, acknowledge signatures, and take voluntary testimony pursuant to the officer's duties as provided by law.

[2010 Acts, ch 1057, §3](#)  
Referred to in [§9B.17](#)