

OLL COOMES, from the Committee on Retrenchment and Reform, submitted the following report:

MR. SPEAKER :

Your Committee on Retrenchment and Reform, to whom was referred house file No. 432, a bill for an act to provide for and regulate a general publication of the proceedings of county boards of supervisors in the public newspapers, beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration, and have instructed me to report the same back to the house with the recommendation that it do pass.

COOMES, *Chairman.*

Ordered passed on file.

HOUSE FILE NO. 432.]

[BY MCGREGOR.

## A BILL

TO PROVIDE FOR AND REGULATE A GENERAL PUBLICATION OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
OF COUNTY BOARDS OF SUPERVISORS IN THE PUBLIC NEWSPAPERS.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* The board of county  
2 supervisors shall, within three days after every regular or special session of said board, fur-  
3 nish to every public newspaper printed and having general circulation in the county, a copy  
4 of the proceedings of said board, containing a complete and correct record of all transactions  
5 of said board passed through or acted upon by said board.

SEC. 2. Any public newspaper shall be considered as one of general circulation if it has  
2 not less than 200 actual annual subscribers within the county.

SEC. 3. Any public newspaper of general circulation printed in the county, where pro-  
2 prietors file an affidavit and copy of a complete and correct publication of the proceedings of  
3 such regular or special meeting of said board, with the clerk of such board, within two weeks  
4 after the adjournment of said board, shall be entitled to compensation therefor at a rate not  
5 exceeding two dollars (\$2) for every one hundred actual subscribers, or fraction thereof, within  
6 the county: *and be it further enacted,* that it shall be the duty of the clerk of the board of  
7 supervisors to furnish every public newspaper of general circulation within the county, a copy

8 or proof of the proceedings of every session of said board within three (3) days after the ad-  
9 journment of said board.

SEC. 4. On or before the first Monday in January and June, publishers of newspapers  
2 desiring to publish board proceedings and receive pay therefor as contemplated in this act,  
3 shall file with the county auditor a sworn statement of the number of actual subscribers  
4 to their newspaper within the county; and publishers neglecting to furnish such statement  
5 at such times, and in such manner as provided herein, shall not be entitled to any compensa-  
6 tion for publication of such proceedings.

SEC. 5. In all cases where there is no newspaper in the county, the board of supervisors  
2 shall cause to be made public by posting a written copy of such proceedings on the court-  
3 house door, or have such proceedings published in any public newspaper outside of the county  
4 at a price not exceeding the price paid a county paper, as they may see fit: *and be it further*  
5 *enacted*, that should the public newspapers of any county refuse to publish such proceedings,  
6 as directed and provided for in this enactment, the board of supervisors shall have the power  
7 to have such proceedings printed and published as they shall see fit, at a reasonable expense.

SEC. 6. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

SEC. 7. This act being deemed of immediate importance, shall take effect and be in force  
2 from and after its publication in the *Iowa State Register* and the *Iowa State Leader*.