

## A BILL

FOR AN ACT REQUIRING ROAD SUPERVISORS TO REPAIR COUNTY DITCHES.

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

SECTION 1. That it is hereby made the duty of road supervisors in the counties of this State to take conisance of the county ditches in their respective road districts, and to keep them in repair by removing any and all obstructions in the same, so as to permit the flow of water in said ditches in such quantity as they would carry at the time of construction,

SEC. 2. That said road supervisors shall have like powers in repairing and keeping open said ditches as are given them in sections 991, 992 and 993 of the Code of 1873, and that the same power given in said sections to road supervisors shall apply also to the keeping open said ditches so far as they are applicable.

SEC. 3. That for the purposes of carrying out the provisions of the foregoing sections the road supervisors, and such men and teams as they may employ, shall have full power and authority to enter the possessions of any citizen living near, or upon whose land said ditch may have been constructed, without causing unnecessary damage, for the purpose of removing any obstruction or repairing said ditch.

SEC. 4. That any road supervisor who, for the space of twenty days after due notice or knowledge of any obstruction in any county ditch in their said road district, neglects to remove, or caus the same to be removed, shall be liable to a fine of not less than five nor over fifty dollars, to be recovered before any court of competent jurisdiction, by any citizen in said road district, who may be damaged by the neglect of said road supervisor to discharge the duties specified in sectionone (1) of this act.

SEC. 5. That the said road supervisors, in their respective road districts, shall have the same right and authority to call out the able-bodied men in their districts, subject to work on the public highways, to perform labor on county ditches that they now have by law in sections 984, 985 and 986 of the Code of 1873, so far as they are applicable, to work the public highways of their respective districts, and a failure to comply with the demands of the road supervisors by any citizen subject to perform labor upon the public highways, shall subject such persons to the same penalty as is now provided by law for failure to work upon the public highway, and the law to enforce payment for non-performance of labor upon the highways shall be the same for neglect to work uponthe county ditches, after due notice by the road supervisors.

SEC. 6. That the road supervisors and all men employed by them upon any county ditch,  
2 shall be entitled to the same compensation for such work as is now allowed by law for labor  
3 upon the public highways, out of any road fund of the road district where such labor is  
4 performed, and be governed in all respects by the law governing the labor upon the public  
5 highways.

SEC. 7. That all laws and parts of laws inconsistent with this law is hereby repealed.

SEC. 8. 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 Iowa State Leader, newspa-  
3 pers published in Des Moines.