

A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO AMEND CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE CODE IN RELATION TO
THE DUTIES AND COMPENSATION OF COUNTY SURVEYORS.

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

SECTION 1. That all county surveyors shall be competent surveyors, or civil engineers, and
2 shall give such reasonable bonds for the faithful performance of their duties as shall be re-
3 quired of them by the county board of supervisors of their respective counties, who shall
4 be reasonably satisfied of their qualifications for the office before approving of their bonds.

SEC. 2. *First.* It shall be the duty of the county surveyor to make all surveys of roads
2 and highways in his county as required in sections 927 and 964, and keep a record of such
3 surveys. *Second.* He shall properly locate and survey the position of all highways, bridges
4 and cattle crossings of highways in the county ordered by the county board of supervisors,
5 or by its bridge committee, and make a proper record of the same, marking the position of
6 each bridge or crossing surveyed on the county map or public highways. *Third.* He shall
7 make such other surveys of highways and real estate belonging to the county as required
8 by the county board of supervisors. *Fourth.* He shall have charge of all records of high-
9 ways and shall perform the duties in regard thereto, heretofore required by the county audi-
10 tor in sections 920 to 968 inclusive, of chapter 1, title VII, of the Code of 1873, and in the
11 amendments thereto, and such other duties as are required thereby, excepting so much of
12 section 961 as relate of necessity to the duties of county auditor in regard to transcript of
13 the action of the county board of supervisors in cases of appeal. *Fifth.* He shall make
14 such plats in plat book of highways as is required by law in section 967, of the Code, if it
15 has not heretofore been done, and furnish the clerk of each township with a certified copy
16 of the same as required by law. *Sixth.* He shall prepare and keep for the use of the
17 county board of supervisors and of the public, a correct abstract of all highways in the
18 county, as found in county archives, which shall show the number and name of each road,
19 its location by townships and ranges, the year and month partitioned for, and names of
20 leading petitioners when given in the records, the commissioners name and report, the sur-
21 veyors name when known, final action in regard to the road and date of same, the page and
22 book of plat record, if platted, and such subsequent alterations, vacations or other action
23 taken and established in regard to same with appropriate mention of the pages of the record
24 in which said action is recorded. The stationery, books, and office for the performance of
25 which duties are to be provided for by the county board of supervisors as for other county

26 offices. *Seventh.* When deemed necessary by the surveyor on request of parties interested
27 he may appoint a time to hear any road case at some place convenient to the parties inter-
28 ested in said road, near the location of said road, of which he shall give at least 60 days
29 notice of time and place as required in other road cases, and there hear such objections to
30 or reasons for such action as was petitioned for and reported by the commissioners in such
31 road case, and report the same with his action thereon to the county board of supervisors
32 at their next regular meeting. *Eighth.* He shall make such homestead surveys and plats
33 thereof as requested to by the sheriff, reporting the cost of same, including traveling ex-
34 penses, to the sheriff, who shall tax them up and collect with other costs in the case.
35 *Ninth.* He shall perform all other duties required of him by law as county surveyor.

SEC. 3. The county surveyors hereby authorized to make all such surveys of lands and
2 lots in the county as he may be called to make by the owners thereof, and such surveys
3 shall be deemed correct until proved to be otherwise. But all such surveys must be made
4 in accordance with the laws of the United States in regard to re-surveys of public lands
5 and in accordance with the instructions of the Surveyor General of the United States, and
6 of the laws of the State of Iowa, and he is hereby authorized to collect for such surveys
7 and making plats thereof a per diem not to exceed the rate of (50) fifty cents per hour for
8 the time necessarily occupied in making such surveys and plats thereof, when required by
9 the parties of said survey, which charges shall be a lien on the lands of the parties request-
10 ing the survey to be made, and shall keep a record of such survey. He shall also receive a
11 mileage of ten cents per mile for distance necessarily traveled in going to and from such
12 surveys, to be paid out of the county treasury.

SEC. 4. That the county surveyor shall receive out of the county treasury such monthly
2 salary of not less than fifty dollars per month, as the county board of supervisors may
3 allow for the performance of his aforementioned public duties, also an allowance of ten
4 cents per mile for distances necessary traveled going to and from all road and land surveys
5 at the request of the county board of supervisors and their committees.

SEC. 5. That the county surveyor shall have a fee book in which he shall keep a record
2 of all per diem fees received by him in the performance of his duties, and so much of
3 of the amount thereof as is in excess of four dollars per day for the time necessarily
4 occupied in performing his public official duties, may be deducted from his regular monthly
5 salary at the option of the county board of supervisors.

SEC. 6. That sections 920 to 968 inclusive, of the Code, be amended and the same is hereby
2 amended by substituting for the words "auditor" or "county auditor" where they occur in
3 said sections, the words "county surveyor," excepting in section 961 in regard to transcripts,
4 which is hereby amended by inserting after the word "auditor" in the second line the words
5 "and county surveyor, each."

SEC. 7. That section 930 be amended and the same is hereby amended by omitting in the
2 first line of said section the word “any commissioners other than the county surveyor” and
3 inserting in lieu thereof the words “the commissioner.”

SEC 8. That section 929 be amended and is hereby amended by inserting and striking
2 from said section all after the first clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following, “He
3 shall notify the county surveyor, who shall accurately survey the line of the proposed high-
4 way and cause it to be plainly marked out, and make and place on file in his office a report
5 of said survey, including a correct plat and field notes of the same, and furnish a copy of
6 said plat and field notes to the commissioner.

SEC. 9. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.