

A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A STATE BOARD OF SUPERVISION OF STATE INSTITUTIONS AND OFFICERS.

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby established a State board of supervision of State institutions and State officers, consisting of five members to be appointed by the Governor, with the approval of the Senate. The members of said board shall hold office for the term of five years except that the members first appointed shall go out of office one in one year, one in two years, one in three years, one in four years and one in five years. Appointments to fill vacancies occasioned by death, resignation or removal shall be for the unexpired term.

SEC. 2. Said board shall be provided with suitable rooms in the capitol building and with all necessary furniture, stationery, blanks, etc., as are other State officers.

SEC. 3. Each member of said board shall receive compensation of two thousand dollars per annum payable monthly. Also all actual necessary expenses in the discharge of the duties of the office. There is also appropriated \$2,000 per annum or so much thereof as may be necessary for the payment of such clerical help as shall be needed, vouchers for which and all contingent expenses shall be rendered under oath before warrant shall issue therefor.

SEC. 4. They shall take the usual oath of office and organize by electing a president and secretary and adopt such by-laws and rules for their government as they may think necessary, consistent with statute.

SEC. 5. They shall have power to visit and examine all State institutions, State officers and commissions—in regard to their general and financial management and, if necessary, compel the attendance of witnesses, examine the same, administer oaths, etc., and shall have access to all books, papers and property pertaining thereto.

SEC. 6. They shall visit each State institution at least twice in each year, and make examination thereof, and shall examine and investigate each State office at least once in each year, and they may upon the request of the Governor visit any county insane hospital or poor farm. They shall make report in full of their examinations of each State institution, as to the receipt and disbursement of funds, and if the same have been in accordance with the law, of the management of the finances, and appropriations. Also of the general government and management, and whether the results attained are in conformity with the purpose and intent of the law creating such institution, together with such other information and

9 recommendations as may be of interest. They shall also tabulate their report, showing
10 each institution under their supervision ; the cost of property ; amount of endowment ;
11 biennial appropriation for support and for building or improvement ; the annual expense
12 for support with the per capita expense, and any other items to make the report clear and
13 full.

SEC. 7. They shall report the results of their examinations of State offices and commis-
2 sions, with direct reference,

3 *First.* The security and safe keeping of State revenues and property.

4 *Second.* The general management and conduct of the office in protecting the interest
5 and good name and credit of the State.

6 *Third.* The systems and plans of book-keeping and accounts.

7 Upon request of the Governor, they shall report to him upon the condition of any office or
8 institution at any time. No suspension or removal from office shall be valid unless based
9 upon the report of said board.

SEC. 8. Their regular report shall cover the biennial period ending June 30, preceding the
2 regular session of the Legislature, and shall be made to the Legislature.

SEC. 9. The accounts of the different institutions after being audited by the local board
2 shall be presented to and audited by said board before they shall be presented to and al-
3 lowed by the Auditor of State.

SEC. 10. The State institutions referred to in this act are the State Penitentiaries, Indus-
2 trial Schools, Insane Hospitals, Feeble-Minded, Deaf and Dumb, Blind, Orphans' Home,
3 University, Agricultural College, Normal School, and any other institution, corporation or
4 object, now or hereafter receiving financial aid from the State.