

# A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT AND COMPENSATION OF A CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTY, AND PRESCRIBING HIS DUTIES.

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

SECTION 1. The Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall appoint a custodian of public buildings and property, who shall have the care of the capitol, together with all the grounds and premises belonging to the State, respectively, so far as such premises are now completed, and as the same shall hereafter be laid out and completed, excepting, however, that the completion of the buildings of said capitol and the improvement of the capitol grounds shall remain in the hands of the Board of Capitol Commissioners, and such custodian shall, before entering upon the discharge of his duties, qualify as provided by law, and execute and file with the Secretary of State a bond in the penal sum of five hundred dollars, conditioned for the faithful discharge of his duties, with sureties thereto, to be approved by the Secretary of State.

SEC. 2. His term of office shall be for two years, which shall expire on the 31st day of March in each even-numbered year; *provided*, that he may be removed at any time for cause, by the Governor; *and provided further*, that if a vacancy should occur in said office when the General Assembly is not in session, it shall be filled by appointment by the Governor, but the person so appointed shall hold his office only until the next General Assembly shall have been permanently organized, when the vacancy shall be filled by appointment of the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, which appointment shall be for the unexpired portion of the term for which the appointment had been made.

SEC. 3. He shall be paid a salary of two thousand dollars a year, which shall be paid on proper vouchers, as the salaries of other State officers are paid.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the custodian to take charge of and protect the capitol building and all furniture and other property connected therewith; to preserve the same from injury; at all proper times to open and ventilate the several apartments and constantly to keep every part thereof cleansed and in proper order, and at all suitable hours to personally or by proper escort, attend visitors who may wish to view the same or any part thereof entrusted to his care, free of expense; to control and take care of the capitol grounds, walks, fences, trees, shrubbery, statuary, and other property of the State on or about the capitol grounds or premises, and to keep the same clean and in good order; to

9 have charge of, control and care for all public buildings and grounds belonging to the State  
10 at the seat of government, not by law placed in charge of some other person, and to protect  
11 and care for the same.

SEC. 5. The custodian is hereby empowered and it shall be his duty to purchase from  
2 time to time, under the orders of the Executive Council, such furniture and stores as may  
3 be required in the capitol or other buildings belonging to the State, at the seat of govern-  
4 ment, and under like orders to superintend and cause such repairs to be made to the capitol  
5 or other property in his care, as shall be deemed necessary to its protection.

SEC. 6. He is hereby authorized and empowered to contract for and have supplied all fuel,  
2 lights, water, ice, telegraph and telephone service required in the convenient and efficient  
3 discharge of the duties of the legislative, executive and judicial and other officers of the  
4 State at the capitol, or of the state boards or other official boards or representatives of the  
5 State at the seat of Government, but all contracts and expenditures made by him for any of  
6 the purposes enumerated, or for any other purpose must be approved by the Executive  
7 Council. And to employ such labor as shall be required in carrying out the duties imposed  
8 by this act, to have charge of the janitor and police force in and about the capitol at all  
9 times, and employ and discharge the same or any part thereof as the public interest may  
10 demand, but nothing in this act shall deprive either house of the General Assembly from  
11 employing and controlling such officers and janitors as it shall deem necessary for the per-  
12 sonal convenience and comfort of its members; also to assign with the advice and consent  
13 of the Executive Council, official apartments in the capitol and State buildings at the seat  
14 of government to such State officials, boards, or bodies, as shall be entitled thereto and  
15 have not already had apartments assigned to them. And to institute the proper civil pro-  
16 ceedings in the name of the State, with the advice and consent of the Attorney-General,  
17 against any person for any injury which may be committed on or to the public property in  
18 his care or which shall be necessary to protect the same from any injury or threatened in-  
19 jury.

SEC. 7. He shall keep in his office a complete record and lists of all lands and other prop-  
2 erty of the State in his care at the seat of government, together with accurate plans and  
3 surveys of the public grounds thereat; and make a report to the Governor on the last days  
4 of March, June and September, and an annual report on the last day of December, and the  
5 report for the two years preceding the meeting of the General Assembly shall be consoli-  
6 dated for the use of the General Assembly, and shall show in detail the manner in which  
7 all appropriations were applied and expenditures made upon the public grounds and build-  
8 ings in his charge, the condition of the public buildings, grounds and property in his  
9 charge, and the measures necessary to be taken for the care and preservation of such public  
10 property, and likewise to report any casualties happening to or upon the property under

11 his care, and the causes of the same, and render an itemized account of the expenditures  
12 made by him during such period, with recommendations as to the manner in which the ser-  
13 vice under his management could be made more efficient or economical to the State, and he  
14 shall perform such other duties as may be imposed upon him by law or by order of the  
15 Executive Council.

SEC. 8. Nothing in this act shall deprive any officer, board, court or commission to whom  
2 official apartments are or may be assigned in the capitol from controlling the same.

SEC. 9. At the end of each month he shall under oath make out a list of the expenses in-  
2 curred under this act, itemizing the same, with the names of the persons entitled to pay-  
3 ment thereunder and the amounts thereof, on which when approved by the Governor, the  
4 Auditor shall issue warrants in the amounts and to the persons entitled thereto.

SEC. 10. It shall be unlawful for the custodian to have any pecuniary interest, directly or  
2 indirectly in any contract for supplies or labor provided for in this act, or in any business  
3 enterprise involving any expenditure by the State, and a violation of the provisions of this  
4 section shall be deemed a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof he shall be fined in any  
5 sum not exceeding one thousand dollars and be removed from office.

SEC. 11. This act being deemed of immediate importance shall be in force and take effect  
2 from and after its publication in the Iowa State Register and the Des Moines Leader,  
3 newspapers published at Des Moines, Iowa.