

A BILL

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

As 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 three members, to be appointed by the Governor, with the approval of the Senate when in session, otherwise by the approval of the Executive Council. The members of said board shall hold office for the term of three years, except that the members first appointed shall go out of office, one in one year, one in two years, and one in three years; and that such appointments shall be made so that the term of office shall begin on the first Monday of April, beginning with the year 1886. 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 fifteen hundred dollars per annum, payable monthly; also all actual necessary expenses in the discharge of the duties of the office. There is also appropriated \$1,500 per annum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for the payment of such clerical help as shall be needed and all contingent expenses, vouchers for which 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, 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

5 institution, as to the receipt and disbursement of funds, the management of the financ
6 and appropriations, and whether the same have been done in accordance with the law ; al
7 of the general government and management, and whether the results attained are in co
8 formity with the purpose and intent of the law creating such institution, together wi
9 such other information and recommendations as may be of interest. They shall also tak
10 late their report, showing each institution under their supervision ; the cost of property
11 amount of endowment ; biennial appropriation for support and for building or improv
12 ments ; the annual expense for support, with the per capita expense, and any other items ;
13 make the report clear and full.

SEC. 7. They shall report the results of their examinations of State officers, State insti
2 tions and commissions with direct reference to,

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
8 institution at any time. No suspension or removal from office shall be valid unless bas
9 upon the report of said board.

SEC. 8. Their regular report shall cover the biennial period ending June 30, preceding t
2 regular session of the General Assembly and shall be made to the Governor, and shall sp
3 cially refer to the necessities of the several institutions, and recommend in detail all i
4 provements and repairs they may deem necessary, together with estimates of the cost
5 the same, and the appropriations necessary to the support of each institution for the ne
6 ensuing biennial period. The Governor shall cause to be printed five thousand copies
7 the report, which shall be distributed in the same manner as other public documents.

SEC. 9. The accounts of the different institutions after being audited by the local boa
2 shall be presented to and audited by the State board before they shall be presented to a
3 allowed by the Auditor of State.

SEC. 10. The State institutions referred to in this act are the penitentiaries of the Sta
2 State industrial schools, hospitals for the insane, institution for feeble-minded children,
3 stitution for the deaf and dumb, college for the blind, soldiers' orphans' home, State U.
4 versity, State agricultural college, State normal school, and any other institution, corpo
5 tion or object, now or hereafter receiving financial aid from the State.

SEC. 11. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

SEC. 12. This act being deemed of immediate importance shall take effect and be in fo
2 from and after its publication in the Iowa State Register and Des Moines Leader, news
3 pers published at Des Moines, Iowa.