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House File 148

January 29, 1947.
 Compensation of Public Officers.

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A BILL FOR

An Act to amend section two hundred twenty-eight point nine (228.9), Code, 1946, relating to the compensation and expenses of the commissioners of insanity in counties having a population of one hundred fifty thousand (150,000) or more.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 Section 1. Section two hundred twenty-eight point nine
 2 (228.9), Code, 1946, is amended by adding thereto the following:
 3 "6. In counties having a population of one hundred fifty
 4 thousand (150,000) or more, the compensation and expenses of
 5 the commissioners of insanity shall be as follows: To the
 6 member of the commission who is a physician, seven dollars and
 7 fifty cents (\$7.50) for each committment or release of any
 8 person brought before said commission for each actual hearing,
 9 and to the member of the commission who is an attorney, five
 10 dollars (\$5.00) for each committment or release of any person
 11 brought before said commission for each actual hearing."

EXPLANATION OF H. F. 148

Section two hundred twenty eight point nine (228.9), Code, 1946, which relates to the compensation and expenses of the Commissioners of Insanity of Polk County, Iowa, first appeared in its present form in the Code of Iowa, 1873. The compensation of the Commissioners of Insanity as fixed has never been changed since that year.

This bill relates only to the compensation and expenses of the Commissioners of Inanity in Polk County, Iowa. The physician member and the lawyer member of the Commissioners in Polk County, spend a great deal of time in advising people whether or not informations of insanity should be filed, and frequently after the committment

these two members of the Insane Commission of Polk County are called upon for advice by the people who cannot afford to go elsewhere. These two members of the Commissioners of Insanity in Polk County, Iowa, spend a great deal of time in the work of the Commission, and the compensation of three dollars (\$3.00) per day is entirely inadequate. The physician member is called upon to spend more time than is the lawyer member, although both spend a large amount of time with people who seek the advice of the Commissioners. This is in addition to the time spent in meetings of the Commission for hearing on information filed.