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Departmental Affairs.

By SCHWENGEL and
WALTER of Marshall.

A BILL FOR

An Act to repeal Chapter 304, Code 1946, relating to the State Historical Society and establishing the Department of Iowa State Historical Society and Archives, the creation of a board to carry out the duties of said organization and providing for reports, exchange of documents and the management of the State Historical Society and the coordination of the objections and purposes heretofore enjoyed by the State Historical Society and the State Department of History and Archives.

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

1 Section 1. Chapter 304, Code 1946, is hereby repealed.

1 Sec. 2. Amend Section 303.1, Code 1946, by striking all of
2 line two (2) and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "The
3 Iowa State Historical Society and Department of Archives".

1 Sec. 3. Repeal Section 303.2, Code 1946, and insert in lieu
2 thereof the following: "The Iowa State Traveling Library, the
3 Iowa State Historical Society and Department of Archives, the Iowa
4 State Law Library and the Iowa State Medical Library shall be under
5 the control of a Board of Trustees consisting of the Governor, a
6 member of the Supreme Court to be designated from time to time by
7 the court, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, a member of the
8 University of Iowa History Department and a member of the Iowa
9 Teachers College History Department. The foregoing board shall
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10 organize, prescribe their rules and select a president and
11 secretary.

1 Sec. 4. Amend Section 303.3 by adding a new paragraph as
2 follows: "The board shall carry out the work of collecting and
3 preserving matters relating to the history of Iowa and illustrative
4 of the program and development of the state for maintaining a
5 library and collections and conducting historical studies and
6 research; for issuing publications and for providing public
7 lectures of historical character and otherwise disseminating a
8 knowledge of the history of Iowa among the people of the state.
9 Said board shall at their discretion exchange information of
10 historical value with the other states."

1 Sec. 5. The Board of Trustees shall appoint a superintendent,
2 with the consent and approval of the State Board of Education,
3 and such other necessary help to carry out the intent of this
4 act. The superintendent shall be in charge of the physical
5 plant and property located at Iowa City and shall be paid such
6 compensation as shall be determined by the Board.

1 Sec. 6. Nothing herein contained shall be construed as
2 authorizing the removal of the physical plant and property now
3 located at Iowa City, Iowa.

1 Sec. 7. Amend Section 16.24, Code 1946, by striking all of
2 line nine (9) except the figure "3." and inserting in lieu
3 thereof "To state historical society and department of archives
4 five copies".

1 Sec. 8. Amend Section 16.25 by striking all of line twelve

2 (12) except the figure "4.", and inserting in lieu thereof, "state
3 historical society and department of archives, one copy".

1 Sec. 9. Amend Section 16.28, Code 1946, by striking all in
2 line twenty-three (23) except the figure "12." and all of line
3 twenty-four (24) and inserting in lieu thereof, "To state
4 historical society and department of archives, five copies".

1 Sec. 10. Amend Section 17.3, Code 1946, by striking sub-
2 section twelve (12) and renumbering the remaining sub-sections.

1 Sec. 11. Amend Section 604.20, Code 1946, by striking the
2 comma (,) after the word "saw" in line eight (8) and inserting the
3 words, "and department of archives,".

1 Sec. 12. Amend Section 303.2, Code 1946, by adding the
2 following paragraph: "The Board of Trustees may adopt the rules
3 under which members may be admitted to the State Historical Society
4 and Department of Archives".

1 Sec. 13. Amend Chapter 303, Code 1946, by adding thereto
2 another paragraph as follows: "All of the powers and duties
3 heretofore exercised by the State Historical Society and the
4 Iowa State Department of History and Archives are to be exercised
5 by the State Historical Society and Department of Archives,
6 except as otherwise provided in this chapter."

EXPLANATION OF H. F. 463

The purpose of this act is to combine the Department of History and Archives at the State Capitol and the State Historical Society heretofore maintained at Iowa City into one department for the purpose of economy and efficiency and without eliminating or removing the physical plant and property of either department as now located respectively at Des Moines and Iowa City. The bill has for its further purpose the coordination of the activities of the two departments so as to promote such a department as will function to carry out the intent and purpose of this act.