

January 22, 1951.
Compensation of Public
Officers.

House File 146

By NELSON of Woodbury, SCHWEN-
GEL, SCHROEDER, MUNGER and
ROBINSON.

Passed House, Date
Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....
Passed Senate, Date
Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....
Approved

A BILL FOR

An Act to amend section six hundred five point eight (605.8)
and section six hundred five point nine (605.9), Code
1950, relating to compensation of shorthand reporters
of the District Courts, and to amend section six
hundred five point ten (605.10), Code 1950, relating
to expense of shorthand reporters of the District Courts.

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

1 Section 1. Section six hundred five point eight (605.8),
2 Code 1950, is hereby amended by striking out the word "fifteen"
3 in line two (2), and inserting in lieu thereof the word "twenty".

1 Sec. 2. Section six hundred five point nine (605.9), Code
2 1950, is hereby amended by striking out the words "thirty-six
3 hundred" in lines three (3) and four (4), and inserting in lieu
4 thereof the words "forty-eight hundred".

1 Sec. 3. Section six hundred five point ten (605.10), Code
2 1950, is hereby amended by striking out the word "four" in line
3 seven (7), and inserting in lieu thereof the word "six".

1 Sec. 4. This Act being deemed of immediate importance
2 shall be in full force and effect upon its publication in the
3, newspaper published at

- 4 , Iowa, and in the
- 5 , published at
- 6 Iowa.

EXPLANATION OF H. F. 146

This bill provides an increase in the compensation of certified shorthand reporters of the District Courts of Iowa from the present \$15 per day to \$20 per day. The bill continues the same minimum guarantee of two hundred forty days work per year which has been in effect for more than thirty years. The expense allowance is increased from \$4 per day to \$6 per day which is the same amount allowed to District Court Judges. The court reporter must be present with the Court and obviously has the same expense. Iowa's neighboring states pay from \$4,200 to \$5,800 per year and several pay an additional cost-of-living bonus. Iowa is one of the few states which requires a court reporter to pass an examination and be certified as qualified before he can be appointed as an official court reporter. This system of examination insures qualified reporters and this increase will maintain and attract qualified reporters in this state.