

February 1, 1951.
Judiciary No. 1.

House File 313
By VAN ZWOL.

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

A BILL FOR

An Act to amend chapter six hundred five (605), Code 1950, relating to certain requirements for district, superior and municipal court judges.

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

1 Section 1. Chapter six hundred five (605), Code 1950,
2 is amended by inserting therein the following new section: "No
3 judge of the district courts, municipal courts, or superior
4 courts, or of any other court of this state except the supreme
5 court of Iowa, now or hereafter established, shall hereafter
6 draw or receive any monthly salary or compensation unless and
7 until he shall make oath, and subscribe an affidavit before an
8 officer entitled to administer oaths, and file same with the
9 officer vested with the authority to pay such salary or compensation.
10 The affidavit as hereinbefore prescribed shall state that no
11 cause, or motion to dismiss any cause, or special appearance
12 to any cause in his court, remains pending and undetermined,
13 that has been submitted to him for determination or decision
14 for a period of one hundred twenty (120) days."

EXPLANATION OF H. F. 313

Most of the courts in this state speedily and promptly determine all controversies brought before them. There have been complaints, however, of very grave delays in the trial courts, and such delays are not confined to entry of a final judgment or decree, but have arisen with respect with certain motions and special appearance shall in effect practically dispose of a case. It is a maxim that justice too long delayed is often lost. This bill is designed to remedy unnecessary and prejudicial delays.