

February 23, 1951.
Compensation of Public Officers.

House File 523
By BROOKINGS, BROWN, PAUL
and WESTON.

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

A BILL FOR

An Act to amend section six hundred one point one hundred
thirty-one (601.131), Code 1950, relating to the
compensation of justices of the peace.

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

1 Section 1. Section six hundred one point one hundred
2 thirty-one (601.131), Code 1950, is hereby amended by
3 striking paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection two (2) thereof
4 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

5 “(a) In townships having a population of four thousand
6 and under ten thousand, justices one thousand two hundred
7 dollars plus an amount equal to fifty percent of fees
8 collected in excess of one thousand two hundred dollars;
9 constables eight hundred dollars.

10 (b) In townships having a population of under four
11 thousand, justices one thousand two hundred dollars plus
12 an amount equal to fifty percent of fees collected in
13 excess of one thousand two hundred dollars; constables
14 six hundred twenty-five dollars.”

1 Sec. 2. This Act being deemed of immediate importance

- 2 shall be in full force and effect from and after its
- 3 publication in the, a newspaper
- 4 published at, Iowa, and in the
- 5, a newspaper published at, Iowa.

EXPLANATION OF H. F. 523

This bill raises the permissible fees for justices of the peace. In connection with the enforcement of laws prohibiting truck overloading, it seems desirable to increase these fees in order to permit more cases to come before justice of the peace courts. As the law now stands many justices of the peace reach their full quota of fees in two or three months. If their courts remain available for the balance of the year they must work without compensation. This bill makes it possible for them to continue holding court throughout the entire year and still receive reasonable compensation for their services.