

A BILL

FOR AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ORGANIZATION AND HOLDING OF COUNTY FARMERS' INSTITUTES, AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO DEFRAY CERTAIN EXPENSES IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. That the sum of six thousand dollars for the year one thousand eight hundred
2 and ninety, and the further sum of six thousand dollars for the year one thousand eight hun-
3 dred and ninety-one, be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the state
4 treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of encouraging the organization and
5 holding of farmers' institutes in the several counties of the state, as herein after provided.

SEC. 2. That the lieutenant-governor, the president and secretary of the Iowa state agri-
2 cultural college and farm, and their successors in office, are hereby constituted a board of
3 managers, who shall act as president, vice-president and secretary, in the order as named in
4 this section. Said board, or a majority thereof, shall have the power to make such rules and
5 regulations as may to them seem best for the purpose of encouraging the organization and
6 holding of farmers' institutes, provide lecturers for the same, authorize the payment for ser-
7 vices rendered and expenses incurred by said lecturers, in accordance with the rules of said
8 board.

SEC. 3. Said board shall be entitled to reasonable compensation for actual time spent and
2 expenses incurred incident to a proper discharge of the duties herein imposed; such compen-
3 sation and expenses shall not exceed those now allowed by law to trustees of the state agri-
4 cultural college and farm. Said board shall have the further power to certify to the auditor
5 of state the actual amount expended by each institute under and by virtue of this act, and
6 draw their warrants for the same, signed by the president and secretary thereof, in favor of
7 the treasurer of any farmers' institute having complied with the requirements of this act and
8 the rules of said board, and entitled to the benefits of this act, provided an itemized account,
9 verified by the oath of at least one of the officers of the county institute of the county from
10 which said claim is made, shall accompany the same.

SEC. 4. Said board of managers shall render an annual account and report, embracing all
2 of the expenditures in each county having held farmers' institutes within the year, giving
3 number of days devoted to institutes, and such other matters as may be deemed proper in con-

4 nection therewith, and cause the same to be published as a special item with the reports of
5 the state agricultural college and farm.

SEC. 5. The residents of any county in this state are hereby authorized to organize a county
2 farmers' institute under the provisions of this act, by the election of a president, a vice-presi-
3 dent, a secretary and a treasurer, and when so organized shall have power to direct, manage
4 and control farmers' institutes within their respective counties in accordance with the rules
5 of the board of the state managers, and shall be entitled to a warrant for expenses incurred,
6 as provided in section 3 and 6 of this act.

SEC. 6. The length of time for holding county farmers' institutes contemplated by this
2 bill shall not be less than one nor more than three days at any one time, and the amount that
3 may be appropriated for the expenses thereof shall not exceed the sum of sixty dollars in any
4 one year for any one county. The officers of said institutes, as provided for in section 5 of
5 this act, shall receive no compensation, except for actual expenses incurred and set forth in
6 an itemized bill to the state board of managers.

SEC. 7. The meeting of these institutes shall be devoted to lectures, essays, addresses, dis-
2 cussions and illustrations, by which the methods of agricultural work in the field, in the barn,
3 the pen and dairy can be improved, and the most good conferred upon the greatest number,
4 by a comparison and discussion of farm methods, practices, successes and failures. All ques-
5 tions of a political or religious character shall be rigidly excluded, and it shall be the duty
6 of lecturers employed by the state board of managers to prevent any violation of this rule.

SEC. 8. This act being deemed of immediate importance, shall take effect and be in force
2 from and after its publication in the Iowa State Register and the Des Moines Leader, news-
3 papers published at Des Moines, Iowa.