

A BILL

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO REPEAL CHAPTER 45 OF THE LAWS OF THE SEVENTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND TO ENACT A SUBSTITUTE THEREFOR, TO ESTABLISH A WEATHER AND CROP SERVICE, AND FOR THE COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION OF CROP STATISTICS AND METEOROLOGICAL DATA.

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

SECTION 1. That chapter 45 of the laws of the seventeenth general assembly be, and the
2 same hereby is repealed, and the following enacted in lieu thereof:

SEC. 2. That there be and hereby is established in the state of Iowa, under the supervision
2 of the board of directors of the state agricultural society, a weather and crop service, co-op-
3 erating with the signal service of the United States, for the purpose of collecting crop sta-
4 tistics and meteorological data, and more widely disseminating the weather forecasts and
5 storm and frost warnings, for the benefit of producers and shippers of perishable products,
6 and to promote a general knowledge of meteorological science and the climatology of the
7 state.

SEC 3. That the central station of said weather and crop service shall be in the city of
2 Des Moines, under charge of a director and an assistant director, the said director to be ap-
3 pointed by the governor for the term of two years upon the recommendation of the said
4 board of directors of the state agricultural society ; and the assistant director to be an officer
5 of the United States signal service who may be detailed for that purpose by the chief signal
6 officer at Washington, D. C.

SEC. 4. That the said director, co-operating with the secretary of the state agricultural so-
2 ciety, shall establish volunteer stations throughout the state, to the number of one or more in
3 each county, and shall appoint observers thereat. And the said director shall supervise said
4 volunteer stations, receive reports therefrom of meteorological events and crop conditions,
5 tabulate the same for permanent record, and shall issue weekly weather crop bulletin during
6 the season from April 1st to October 1st; and he shall also edit and cause to be published at
7 the office of the state printer a monthly weather and crop review, containing meteorological
8 and agricultural matter of public interest and educational value. And it shall be the duty of
9 the state printer to issue copies of said review to the number of 1,000 for distribution from
10 the office of the said agricultural society ; and the directors of said society may in their dis-

11 cretion cause to be published a larger number of copies, to be delivered to subscribers at a price
12 sufficient to defray the expense of publishing the same, the proceeds to be expended for that
13 purpose only.

SEC. 5. That the said director shall also compile an annual report, addressed to the governor,
2 to be printed and bound in the office of the state printer, in such number as the executive
3 council may direct: said report to contain a complete review and summary of the results of
4 the year's labors and observations.

SEC. 6. That there is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury, not otherwise
2 appropriated, the sum of two thousand and five hundred dollars per year for the period of
3 two years, or such portion thereof as may be necessary to carry into effect the provisions of
4 this act, to be drawn and expended upon the order of the president and secretary of the said
5 agricultural society; *provided*, however, that the salary of the said director shall not exceed
6 the sum of fifteen hundred dollars per year.

SEC. 7. That this act being deemed of immediate importance, shall take effect on and after
2 its publication in the Iowa State Register and Des Moines Leader, newspapers published in
3 the city of Des Moines, Iowa.