

# A BILL

FOR AN ACT CREATING COUNTY AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOLS; PROVIDING FOR THEIR MANAGEMENT, CONTROL AND OPERATION, AND CREATING A COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THEIR MANAGEMENT, AND MAKING PROVISION FOR THE SUPPORT OF SAID SCHOOLS.

*Be it Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

SECTION 1. That the several counties of the State are hereby authorized to establish each  
2 one County Agricultural High School; same to be located as determined by the Board of  
3 Supervisors of such county, and such boards are empowered to accept donations of land or  
4 property to be used therefor, or in acquiring same.

SEC. 2. The Board of Supervisors of the several counties of the State may submit the ques-  
2 tion of the establishment of County Agricultural High Schools to the voters of their respec-  
3 tive counties at any regular election, and when a petition of one hundred (100) voters who  
4 voted at the preceding regular election asking that said question be so submitted, shall be filed  
5 with the County Auditor sixty (60) days before any regular election, said board shall so sub-  
6 mit said question at the next succeeding regular election, and upon there being so filed a peti-  
7 tion of ten per cent (10 per cent) of the voters of any county who voted at the preceding reg-  
8 ular election, said board shall so submit same at a special election to be called and held within  
9 sixty (60) days after so filing said petition with the County Auditor.

SEC. 3. If said petition so filed be for submission of the question of establishing County  
2 Agricultural High Schools at a regular election, and a regular meeting of the Board of Super-  
3 visors will thereafter convene at a date long enough prior to the holding of said general elec-  
4 tion so that the notice, hereinafter provided for, may be given, no special meeting of said  
5 board shall be called on account thereof, but in the event sufficient time will not remain after  
6 said regular meeting, or in the event such petition be for the calling of a special election, the  
7 County Auditor shall examine same and if it apparently bear the requisite number of signa-  
8 tures, he shall call a special meeting of the Board of Supervisors, and at said meeting said  
9 board shall canvass said petition and enter its finding with reference thereto, and if such find-  
10 ing be that said petition is signed by the requisite number of voters of the county who voted  
11 at the last preceding election, said board shall thereupon provide for the submission of said

12 question at the next regular election, or at a special election called therefor, as the case may  
13 be, fixing the time thereof, and the County Auditor shall thereupon forthwith cause publica-  
14 tion of notice of such election as hereinafter provided.

SEC. 4. It shall be sufficient to state in said notice that the question, "shall . . . . . county  
2 establish a County Agricultural High School," will be submitted to a special or general elec-  
3 tion upon the date designated, and directing those in favor of same to make a cross in the  
4 square opposite the word "yes," and those opposed thereto so mark in the square opposite the  
5 word "no." The notice herein provided for shall be published once each week for four con-  
6 secutive weeks in each of the official papers of the county, the last publication thereof to be not  
7 later than on the day prior to the day of said election.

SEC. 5. If a majority of all votes cast upon said proposition shall be in favor thereof, the  
2 Board of Supervisors shall thereupon be invested with all the power and authority in this act  
3 granted to them.

SEC. 6. The Board of Supervisors shall determine the location of such County Agricultural  
2 High School and in doing so, shall take into consideration accessibility, environment and con-  
3 venience, but in no event shall said institution be located more than two miles from a railroad  
4 station.

SEC. 7. From and after the selection of the location and acquiring of the necessary grounds,  
2 said school shall be under the supervision of, and managed and controlled by the County  
3 Board of Education, hereinafter provided for.

SEC. 8. The County Board of Education shall have charge of the employment of a superin-  
2 tendent of such agricultural high school, and of all teachers and other employes thereof, and  
3 shall establish and may from time to time add to and change the course of study as circum-  
4 stances may require.

SEC. 9. In no event shall any educational requirements be demanded of any applicant for  
2 admission to such school except as may be obtained from attendance in the ordinary country  
3 schools of the county. The board may establish a two, three or four year course, including  
4 the principles of agriculture, stock raising, feeding and judging, horticulture, chemistry of the  
5 soil, road building, tiling, dairying, business arithmetic, farm accounts, carpentry, rural archi-  
6 tecture, domestic science, diseases of animals, history, literature and such other subjects, and  
7 such portions of those above described as it may deem advisable, taking into consideration  
8 the needs of the community, the expense and the attendance. Graduates completing the full  
9 two, three or four year course, as established, shall be granted diplomas, showing completion  
10 thereof.

SEC. 10. The school in all its elements shall be open to all residents of the county over  
2 twelve (12) years of age, free of tuition, but non-residents of the county shall pay such rea-  
3 sonable tuition as the County Board of Education shall adopt.

SEC. 11. Said County Board of Education may provide for a short course extending over  
2 such period during the winter months as the interests of the people may demand, and cover-  
3 ing such subjects as may be of greatest value to the farmers and people of the community,  
4 and in promoting said short course, may secure special instructors and lecturers. They may,  
5 if they so desire, operate said short course in connection with the farmers' institute and pro-  
6 vide adequate accommodations therefor.

SEC. 12. The County Board of Education may establish dormitories for the use of stud-  
2 ents, with facilities for student house-keeping therein; fix reasonable rates therefor, and may  
3 employ students in any suitable capacity in connection with said school.

SEC. 13. The County Board of Education shall have authority to adopt rules and regula-  
2 tions for the government of such schools, the employes and students, and refusal to comply  
3 therewith shall subject such employes or students to suspension or dismissal.

SEC. 14. Whenever any county shall by a majority vote determine to establish a County  
2 Agricultural High School as herein provided, and has acquired suitable grounds therefor, in  
3 no event less than eighty (80) acres, such facts shall be certified by the County Auditor to the  
4 Treasurer of State, and thereupon there shall be placed to the credit of such county, from State  
5 funds not otherwise appropriated, for its County Agricultural High School fund, the sum of  
6 five thousand (\$5,000.00) dollars, for use only in constructing the necessary buildings for said  
7 school, and when such buildings have been duly completed and accepted by the County Board  
8 of Education, said board shall certify that fact together with a true statement of the actual  
9 cost thereof to the Treasurer of State, and thereupon said sum above specified shall be for-  
10 warded to the Treasurer of such county for use in paying for said buildings; provided, how-  
11 ever, that in no event shall the State pay more than the actual cost of said buildings.

SEC. 15. As soon as may be and within ten (10) days after the first of July of each year, the  
2 secretary of the County Board of Education shall certify to the Secretary of State the follow-  
3 ing particulars:

- 4 1. Whether said school be still in operation.
- 5 2. The number of students in attendance during the year.
- 6 3. The total expenses of the preceding year.

7 If said school be still in operation there shall thereupon be paid to the County Treasurer of  
8 such county for the use of its County Agricultural High School a sum equal to one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of  
9 the total cost of operation and maintenance of said County Agricultural High School; provided,  
10 however, that the State shall in no event pay to any such county more than the sum of three  
11 thousand (\$3,000.00) dollars in any one year.

SEC. 16. The County Board of Education shall annually at the close of the fiscal year and on  
2 or before the September meeting of the Board of Supervisors certify to such Board of Super-  
3 visors and to the Secretary of State a full statement of the operation of the County Agricul-

4 tural High School, its expenses and attendance for the fiscal year just closed, and an estimate  
5 of its expenses for the fiscal year then beginning, and the Board of Supervisors shall there-  
6 upon levy a tax upon the taxable property of the county in an amount sufficient to produce the  
7 estimated cost thereof, less the sum to be paid therefor by the State. Such levy may also be  
8 made on estimates so furnished at the original inauguration of said school. Provided, how-  
9 ever, that in no event shall said board levy more than one mill upon the dollar upon the taxable  
10 property of the county.

SEC. 17. Such reasonable portion of the County Agricultural High School premises as may  
2 be set apart therefor by the County Board of Education may be used in the establishment and  
3 maintenance of a county fair, farmers' institute and short course work, and in locating said  
4 school the Board of Supervisors shall take into consideration the possible establishment of said  
5 fair, farmers' institute and short course, and to locate same as to favor the establishment  
6 thereof.

SEC. 18. The County Board of Education shall consist of three members, the County Super-  
2 intendent of Schools, and two citizens of the county to be appointed by the Board of Super-  
3 visors. The two members to be so appointed shall hold office for three years. In making such  
4 appointments, one member shall be designated to hold office for one year from January 1st fol-  
5 lowing such appointment; the other two years from January 1st, following such appointment,  
6 and thereafter appointments, except to fill vacancies, shall be for the full term of three years.  
7 The Superintendent of such County Agricultural High School shall act as secretary of said  
8 County Board of Education, unless said board otherwise provides. The County Superin-  
9 tendent shall preside over the meetings of said board.

SEC. 19. Members of the County Board of Education, except the County Superintendent,  
2 shall receive such compensation as may be allowed by the Board of Supervisors, not exceeding  
3 sixty (\$60.00) dollars each in any one year, and reasonable actual expenses while in perform-  
4 ance of duty. The fiscal year of the County Agricultural High Schools shall begin the first  
5 day of July, and end on the thirtieth day of June of each year. Superintendents of County  
6 Agricultural High Schools shall make report to the County Board of Education upon the  
7 operation of such schools and upon all matters as required by the County Board of Education  
8 at the end of each fiscal year, and whenever required so to do by said board, and shall have  
9 full charge of such school, subject to the County Board of Education.

SEC. 20. The County Treasurer shall act as treasurer of the County Agricultural High  
2 School, and shall disburse funds belonging thereto, only after same have been duly canvassed  
3 and allowed by the County Board of Education, as evidenced by warrant drawn by the pres-  
4 ident of said County Board of Education, and countersigned by the secretary.

SEC. 21. County Boards of Education are empowered to accept and receive any and all do-  
2 nations, whether by deed, gift, grant or will, of property, real, personal or mixed, which may

3 be offered accepting and receiving same or any part thereof in the name of the county and for  
4 the use and benefit of the County Agricultural High School of such county.

SEC. 22. This act, being deemed of immediate importance, shall be in force and take effect  
2 from and after its publication in the Register and Leader, and the Des Moines Capital, news-  
3 papers published in the city of Des Moines, Iowa.