

A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A DEPARTMENT OF HORTICULTURE AND FORESTRY.

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

SECTION 1. To promote horticulture, arborculture, forestry, market gardening and floriculture in the State, there is hereby established a department of horticulture and forestry to be under the control and management of the officers and board of directors of the State Horticultural Society, who shall be ex-officio the officers and board of directors of the department and shall perform the duties required by this act, without salary. The office of the department shall be in rooms eighteen and nineteen, in the first story of the capitol building, with the State Horticultural Society. The officers and board of directors shall meet annually on the first Friday after the second Wednesday in December, to transact such business as may come before them, and at such other times as may be necessary to promote the objects for which the department is established.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the secretary to collect books, pamphlets, periodicals and other documents containing valuable information on horticulture and forestry; to gather statistics and general information on practical gardening; to promote the breeding of plants, trees, fruits and nuts, suitable for planting in the State; to correspond with those interested in gardening and arborculture; to give instruction as to the best methods of treating diseases of trees, fruits and plants, and how to cleanse orchards and exterminate insect pests; to issue bulletins, circulars and other publications for free distribution, to encourage and improve practical horticulture and forestry in the State.

SEC. 3. The State Printer and Binder are hereby authorized to print and bind the bulletins and other publications mentioned in the preceding section, under the direction of the secretary, in such numbers as he may indicate, but the total cost shall not exceed two thousand dollars in any one year, for paper, composition, press-work and binding.

SEC. 4. This act shall be construed in harmony with sections 1669, 1670, 1671 of the Code and sections 1672, 1673 of the Supplement, now in full force and effect.