

**CHAPTER 160****QUALIFICATIONS OF WEED COMMISSIONERS AND COMMERCIAL APPLICATORS***H.F. 498*

**AN ACT** relating to the qualifications of a weed commissioner, deputy weed commissioner or commercial applicator.

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

Section 1. Section 317.3, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 1985, is amended to read as follows:

The board of supervisors of each county shall annually appoint a county weed commissioner who may be a person otherwise employed by the county and who is familiar with the various types of weeds passes minimum standards established by the department of agriculture for noxious weed identification and the recognized methods for their noxious weed control and elimination. The county weed commissioner's appointment shall be effective as of March 1 and shall continue for a term of one year at the discretion of the board of supervisors unless the commissioner is removed from office as provided for by law. The county weed commissioner may, with the approval of the board of supervisors, require that commercial applicators and their appropriate employees pass the same standards for noxious weed identification as established by the department of agriculture. The name and address of the person appointed as county weed commissioner shall be certified to the county auditor and to the secretary of agriculture within ten days of the appointment. The board of supervisors shall fix the compensation of the county weed commissioner and deputies. In addition to compensation, the commissioner and deputies shall be paid their necessary travel expenses. At the discretion of the board of supervisors, the weed commissioner shall attend a seminar or school conducted or approved by the state department of agriculture relating to the identification, control and elimination of noxious weeds.

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