

**House File 480 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

- 1 An Act appropriating moneys to support soil and water
- 2 conservation districts in this state, by funding secretary
- 3 positions assigned to each district office.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS —

2 APPROPRIATION. There is appropriated from the general fund of  
3 the state to the department of agriculture and land stewardship  
4 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013, and ending June 30,  
5 2014, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary,  
6 to be used for the purposes designated:

7 1. For purposes of supporting soil and water conservation  
8 districts in this state as provided in chapter 161A:

9 .....	\$	6,700,000
10 .....	FTEs	100.00

11 2. The appropriation made in subsection 1 shall be used to  
12 fund salaries, support, and maintenance of one full-time field  
13 office secretary I position in each soil and water conservation  
14 district office.

15 EXPLANATION

16 There are 100 soil and water conservation districts  
17 organized in this state, one located in each county except for  
18 Pottawattamie county which maintains two districts. A soil  
19 conservation district is associated with local governments,  
20 state government, and the federal government, including locally  
21 elected district commissioners (Code section 161A.5), a state  
22 soil conservation committee and soil conservation division  
23 established within the department of agriculture and land  
24 stewardship (DALs) (Code section 161A.4), and the national  
25 resource conservation service (NRCS) a subagency of the United  
26 States department of agriculture. District offices are staffed  
27 by an NRCS employee and sometimes a secretary employed by the  
28 DALs. This bill appropriates moneys to DALs and requires  
29 that the agency support each district office by employing one  
30 full-time secretary.