

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

SECTION 1. Railway or quasi public corporations. That section sixteen hundred and twenty-seven (1627) of the code be amended by adding thereto the following: "This section shall not apply to railway or quasi public corporations organized before the first day of October, 1897."

Approved April 16, 1900.

CHAPTER 58.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

S. F. 165.

AN ACT to create a department of agriculture, and repeal sections sixteen hundred and fifty-three (1653), sixteen hundred and fifty-four (1654), sixteen hundred and fifty-five (1655), sixteen hundred and fifty-six (1656), sixteen hundred and fifty-seven (1657), sixteen hundred and seventy-four (1674), sixteen hundred and eighty-two (1682), sixteen hundred and eighty-three (1683) of the code, and chapter forty-two (42) of the acts of the Twenty-seventh (27) General Assembly, and amend sections sixteen hundred and seventy-nine (1679), and sixteen hundred and eighty-one (1681) of the code, and making an appropriation therefor.

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

SECTION 1. Department of agriculture. For the promotion of agriculture, horticulture, forestry, animal industry, manufactures, and the domestic arts, there is hereby established a department to be known as the "department of agriculture," which shall embrace the district and county agricultural societies organized or to be organized under existing statutes and entitled to receive aid from the state, the state weather and crop service, and the offices of the dairy commissioner and state veterinarian.

SEC. 2. State board of agriculture. The department shall be managed by a board, to be styled "the state board of agriculture," of which the governor of the state, the president of the state college of agriculture and mechanic arts, the state dairy commissioner, and the state veterinarian shall be members *ex-officio*. The other members of the board shall consist of a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and one director from each congressional district, to be chosen as hereinafter provided.

SEC. 3. Agricultural convention. There shall be held at the capitol on the second Wednesday of December 1900, and annually thereafter, a state agricultural convention, composed of the state board of agriculture, together with the president or secretary of each county or district society entitled to receive aid from the state, or a regularly elected delegate therefrom accredited in writing, who shall be a resident of the county; and in counties where there are no agricultural societies the board of supervisors may appoint a delegate who shall be a resident of the county. The president or an accredited representative of the following named associations shall be entitled to membership in the said convention, to wit: the state horticultural society, the state dairy association, the improved stock breeders' association, and the swine breeders' association.

SEC. 4. Officers—directors—vacancies. At the convention held on the second Wednesday in December 1900, there shall be elected a president and vice-president for the term of one year; also one director of the board of agriculture from each congressional district; those from even numbered districts to serve two years and those from odd numbered districts one year. At subsequent annual conventions, vacancies in the list of district directors shall be filled for two years. But vacancies occurring from death or other causes, shall be filled for the unexpired term; and the board may fill any vacancy in office until the next annual convention.

SEC. 5. State farmers' institute. In connection with the annual convention, either preceding or following the day on which the officers are elected, the board may hold a State Farmers' institute, for the discussion of

practical and scientific topics relating to the various branches of agriculture, the substance of which shall be published in the annual report of the board.

SEC. 6. Duties of board. The board shall have general supervision of the several branches, bureaus and offices embraced in the department of agriculture; and it shall be the duty of the board to look after and promote the interests of agriculture, of agricultural education and animal and other industries throughout the state; to investigate all subjects relating to the improvement of methods, appliances and machinery, and the diversification of crops and products; also to investigate reports of the prevalence of contagious diseases among domestic animals, or destructive insects and fungus diseases in grains, and grasses, and other plants, the adulteration of foods, seeds and other products, and to report the result of investigation, together with recommendations of remedial measures for prevention of damage resulting therefrom. It shall be the duty of the Iowa agricultural experiment station to co-operate with the department of agriculture in carrying on these investigations.

SEC. 7. Executive committee. The president, vice-president, and secretary shall constitute an executive committee, which shall transact such business as may be delegated to it by the board of agriculture. The president may call meetings of the board when the interests of the department require it.

SEC. 8. State fair. The board shall have full control of the state fair grounds and improvements thereon belonging to the state, with requisite powers to hold annual fairs and exhibits of the productive resources and industries of the state. They may prescribe all necessary rules and regulations thereon. The board may delegate the management of the state fair to the executive committee and two or more additional members of the board; and for the special work pertaining to the fair they may employ an assistant secretary and such clerical assistance as may be deemed necessary. All expenditures connected with the fair including the per diem and expenses of the managers thereof, shall be recorded separately and paid from the state fair receipts.

SEC. 9. Duty of officers as to bequests. The department of agriculture is hereby authorized to take and hold property, real and personal, derived by gifts and bequests, and the president, secretary and treasurer shall have charge and control of the same, subject to the action of the board, and shall give bonds as required in case of executors, to be approved by the board of agriculture and filed with the secretary of state.

SEC. 10. Secretary—duties—Iowa Year Book of Agriculture. The board shall elect a secretary for a term of one year, whose duties shall be such as usually pertain to the office of a secretary, under the direction of the board. He shall keep a complete record of the proceedings of the annual state agricultural convention and all the meetings of the board; he shall draw all warrants on the treasurer and keep a correct account thereof; he shall compile and superintend the printing of the annual report of the state department of agriculture, which shall be entitled "The Iowa Year Book of Agriculture," and shall include the annual report of the dairy commissioner, the state dairy association, and the Iowa agricultural experiment station, the annual report of the state veterinarian, the Iowa weather and crop service, the Iowa improved stock breeders' association, or such part thereof as the executive committee may approve, and such other reports and statistics as the board may direct, which shall be published by the state; he shall perform such other duties as the board may direct.

SEC. 11. Distribution of year book—competitive bids. The Iowa Year Book of Agriculture shall be printed and bound in cloth and such number as the executive council shall direct, to be distributed as follows: One copy to each state officer and member of the general assembly; ten copies to the state library and ten copies to the libraries of the state

university and the state college of agriculture and mechanic arts; one copy to each library in the state open to the general public; one copy to the president and secretary of each county and district agricultural society, and one copy to the board of supervisors of each county in which there is no such agricultural society, and the balance as may be directed by the board of agriculture. The executive council shall receive competitive bids for the printing and binding of the year book and let the contract to the lowest responsible bidder. Such bidding, however, shall be confined to concerns in Iowa and to persons or corporations paying the union scale of wages.

SEC. 12. Present officers and directors. The present officers and directors of the state agricultural society, upon taking effect of this act, shall be, and they are hereby made and constituted officers and directors of the department of agriculture, who, with the *ex officio* members named in section two (2) hereof, shall have full control and management of the department of agriculture until the members of the state board of agriculture are elected as provided in section three (3) of this act.

SEC. 13. Office — supplies — salary of secretary and assistant. The office of the department of agriculture shall be in rooms numbers eleven (11) and twelve (12), in the capitol building; the said office shall be entitled to such supplies, stationery, postage and express as may be required, which shall be furnished by the executive council in the same manner as other officers are supplied. The salary of the secretary shall not exceed fifteen hundred dollars (\$1500) per annum; and when the board deem it necessary it may employ an assistant at an expense of not more than seventy five dollars (\$75) per month.

SEC. 14. Treasurer — duties — bond — compensation. The board shall elect a treasurer for a term of one year, whose duties shall be to keep a correct account of the receipts and disbursements of all moneys belonging to the department of agriculture, and shall make payments only on warrants signed by the president and secretary thereof, except in payment of premiums. He shall execute a bond for the faithful performance of his duty, to be approved by the board and filed with the secretary, and shall receive such compensation for his services as shall be fixed by the board, not exceeding one hundred dollars per annum.

SEC. 15. Compensation of elective members. The elective members of the state board of agriculture, for attending the meetings of the board, and for the special work pertaining to the holding of the state fair shall be allowed four dollars (\$4) per day and five cents per mile in going and returning from the place where the business is transacted, the claim for which shall in all cases be verified and paid as provided in section eight (8).

SEC. 16. Finance committee — report — compensation. A finance committee consisting of three members shall be appointed by the executive council, whose duty it shall be to examine and report upon all financial business of the department of agriculture prior to the annual convention thereof, and make their report to the governor. No member of such committee shall be a member of the board. A reasonable compensation, not exceeding four dollars to each member for each day actually and necessarily engaged in the performance of their duties and necessary expenses incurred, shall be allowed said finance committee, to be audited by the executive council and paid out of any funds in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated. Such report shall be edited under the direction of the executive council and be published in accordance with the provisions of section one hundred and sixty-three (163) of the code and acts amendatory thereof.

SEC. 17. Premium list and rules. The premium list and rules of exhibition shall be determined and published by the board prior to the first day of April in each year.

SEC. 18. Repealed. That section sixteen hundred and fifty-three (1653), sixteen hundred and fifty-four (1654), sixteen hundred and fifty-five (1655), sixteen hundred and fifty-six (1656), sixteen hundred and fifty-seven (1657), sixteen hundred and seventy-four (1674), sixteen hundred and eighty-two (1682) and sixteen hundred and eighty-three (1683) of the code, and chapter forty-two (42) of the acts of the Twenty-seventh General Assembly, be and the same are hereby repealed.

SEC. 19. Stations—bulletins. That section sixteen hundred and seventy-nine (1679) of the code be and the same is hereby amended by striking out of the eleventh line thereof the words "said society" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "department of agriculture;" that section sixteen hundred and eighty-one (1681) of the code be, and the same is hereby amended by striking out of the fourth line thereof the words "agricultural society" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "department of agriculture."

SEC. 20. Corrective. That where the words "board of directors of the state agricultural society" occur in the code or the acts amendatory thereto, the same shall be construed to mean and to refer to the state board of agriculture; and the words "state society" and "state agricultural society" shall be construed to mean and refer to the department of agriculture.

SEC. 21. Amounts appropriated. There is hereby appropriated annually from and after the first day of January nineteen hundred and one (1901) for the support of the office of the department of agriculture, twenty-four hundred dollars (\$2,400) and for insurance and improvements of buildings on the state fair grounds the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or so much thereof as shall be necessary, and the auditor of state shall draw a warrant therefor upon the order of the department of agriculture signed by the president and secretary thereof, in such sums and at such times as the board shall deem necessary. The state shall not be liable for the payment of any premiums offered by the state board of agriculture, nor for any expenses or liabilities incurred by said board, except, as expressly provided for in this act.

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CHAPTER 59.

STATE AID TO DISTRICT AND COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES.

S. F. 322.

AN ACT to amend chapter forty-three (43) of the acts of the Twenty-seventh (27) General Assembly in relation to state aid to district and county agricultural societies, and to amend section sixteen hundred and fifty-eight (1658) and section sixteen hundred and fifty-nine (1659) of the code.

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

SECTION 1. Failure to report. That chapter forty-three (43) of the acts of the Twenty-seventh General Assembly be amended by adding to said chapter the following: "When any society fails to report, according to law, on or before the first day of November, that society shall not receive a warrant from the state auditor for that year, but the secretary of the state board of agriculture shall notify the county auditor of the county in which the society is located of such failure, and the board of supervisors may appoint a delegate to the annual meeting or state agriculture [agricultural] convention, said delegate to be a resident of said county."

SEC. 2. Same. That section sixteen hundred and fifty-eight (1658) of the code, be amended by inserting after the word "county" in the first line of said section the words "and district"; that section sixteen hundred and fifty-nine (1659) of the code, be amended by inserting after the word "county" in the first line, the words "and district," and further amend said section sixteen hundred and fifty-nine (1659) of the code, by striking out the word "December" in the seventh line, and inserting in lieu thereof the word