

CHAPTER 45

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

S. F. 718

AN ACT to amend section sixteen hundred fifty-seven-n (1657-n), supplement to the code, 1913 (C. C. 1622), as amended by chapter three hundred sixty-five (365), acts thirty-eighth (38) general assembly, relating to use of rooms in the state capitol building and to the furnishing of supplies by the executive council.

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

1 **SECTION 1. Rooms and supplies.** Section sixteen hundred fifty-
2 seven-n (1657-n), supplement to the code, 1913, as amended by chap-
3 ter three hundred sixty-five (365), acts thirty-eighth (38) general
4 assembly is amended by striking out all that part of said section com-
5 mencing with the first word thereof down to and including the word
6 "supplied", in line five (5).

Approved April 17, A. D. 1923.

CHAPTER 46

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

S. F. 594

AN ACT to create a department of agriculture, to consolidate thereunder certain governmental agencies and departments, to terminate the term of office and duties of certain officers in effecting said consolidation, to create the office of secretary of agriculture, to provide for the filling of said office and to determine the powers, duties, and compensation of the incumbent.

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

1 **SECTION 1. Department of agriculture.** The following administra-
2 tive agencies of the state and the laws regulating and governing the
3 same are hereby consolidated into one department which shall be
4 known as the State Department of Agriculture, to wit:
5 1. The existing department of agriculture as provided in section
6 one thousand six hundred fifty-seven-b (1657-b), supplement to the
7 code, 1913; also all statutory activities and duties now imposed upon
8 the state board of agriculture or upon the secretary thereof, except
9 such activities and duties as relate to the state fair grounds, the im-
10 provements thereon, the control and management of such grounds and
11 improvements, and to the conduct and management of the annual
12 state fair.
13 2. The state weather and crop service department.
14 3. The dairy and food department, embracing all the administra-
15 tive agencies heretofore under the control and management of the
16 state dairy and food commissioner.

- 17 4. The department of animal health, embracing all the administra-
 18 tive agencies heretofore under the control and management of the
 19 commission of animal health.
 20 5. State veterinarian department.
 21 6. State horticultural society.
 22 7. Iowa corn and small grain growers' association.
 23 8. Iowa beef and cattle producers' association.
 24 9. Iowa state dairy association.
 25 10. State poultry associations receiving financial aid from the state.
 26 11. The statutory agency which embraces the licensing and inspect-
 27 ing of hotels and restaurants.
 28 12. The petroleum oil inspection service.

1 **SEC. 2. Secretary of agriculture.** The office of secretary of agri-
 2 culture is hereby created. It shall be the duty of said officer, in
 3 addition to any other duty which may be prescribed by law:

4 1. To encourage, promote and advance the interests of agriculture,
 5 including horticulture, live stock industry, dairying, cheese making,
 6 poultry raising, bee keeping, forestry, production of wool, and other
 7 kindred and allied industries.

8 2. To promote and devise methods of conducting said industries
 9 with the view of increasing production and facilitating an adequate
 10 distribution of the same at the least cost to the producer.

11 3. To compile statistics and information, in cooperation with the
 12 federal government, relative to crop production, farm economics, the
 13 production and marketing of beef, pork, mutton, wool, poultry, milk,
 14 butter, cheese and all other agricultural products, insofar as such
 15 statistical information may be deemed of value to agriculture and its
 16 allied interests in the state, which statistics when published shall
 17 constitute the official agricultural statistics of the state.

18 4. To cooperate with the Iowa state college of agriculture and
 19 mechanic arts in all ways that may be beneficial to the agricultural
 20 interests of the state, but without duplicating research or educational
 21 work conducted by the Iowa state college of agriculture and mechanic
 22 arts.

23 5. To include in his compilation and publications, the reports of
 24 agriculture, horticultural, live stock associations, and other like asso-
 25 ciations or societies organized for the promotion of the agricultural
 26 interests of the state.

27 6. Nothing herein contained shall be construed as to subordinate
 28 the state department of agriculture, as provided for by this act, to
 29 the Iowa state college of agriculture and mechanic arts.

1 **SEC. 3. Temporary appointment.** Prior to the final adjourn-
 2 ment of the present session of the general assembly, the governor
 3 shall, with the approval of two-thirds of the senate in executive ses-
 4 sion, appoint a secretary of agriculture who shall hold office from
 5 July first (1), nineteen hundred twenty-three (1923), until the second
 6 secular day in January, nineteen hundred twenty-five (1925).

1 **SEC. 4. Election.** At each general election, commencing with nine-
 2 teen hundred twenty-four (1924), there shall be elected by the elec-
 3 tors of the state a secretary of agriculture who shall hold office for
 4 the period of two years from the second secular day of January fol-
 5 lowing said election.

1 **SEC. 5. Nomination.** All statutes relating or pertaining to the
2 nomination of candidates for state officers, by primary election or by
3 petition, shall apply insofar as practicable, to the nomination of candi-
4 dates for secretary of agriculture.

1 **SEC. 6. Vacancies.** Vacancies in the office of secretary of agricul-
2 ture shall be filled by the governor by appointment. Such appointee
3 shall hold office until the next general election.

1 **SEC. 7. Qualification, bond, and salary.** The secretary of agricul-
2 ture shall, before entering upon the duties of his office, qualify in the
3 same manner in which officers generally are required to qualify, and
4 shall give bond in the sum of five thousand (\$5,000) dollars, which
5 bond, when approved by the governor, shall be filed with the secretary
6 of state. The secretary of agriculture shall receive a salary of four
7 thousand (\$4,000) dollars per annum.

1 **SEC. 8. Office and equipment.** The secretary of agriculture shall
2 be provided at the seat of government by the executive council with
3 all necessary offices, supplies and equipment.

1 **SEC. 9. Deputies and assistants.** Said secretary shall have author-
2 ity, in the performance of his duties, to appoint such deputies and
3 assistants as shall be authorized by law.

1 **SEC. 10. State fair.** Nothing in this act shall be construed as in
2 any manner limiting the authority of the state board of agriculture
3 over the state fair grounds or over the management and control of
4 the state fair held thereon, except that the secretary of agriculture
5 shall be, by virtue of his office, a member of said board.

1 **SEC. 11. Abolition of offices.** On July first (1), nineteen hundred
2 twenty-three (1923), the following official positions are abolished and
3 the incumbents of said positions, on said date are ordered to turn
4 over to the secretary of agriculture all books, documents, records and
5 property pertaining to their respective positions, to wit:

- 6 1. State dairy and food commissioner.
- 7 2. State veterinarian.
- 8 3. Commission of animal health.
- 9 4. Inspector of petroleum products including the chief oil inspector.

1 **SEC. 12. Duty and power of secretary.** The secretary of agricul-
2 ture shall receive the matters and things enumerated in the last
3 preceding section, and from and after said date shall be invested with
4 and shall perform and execute all the powers and duties theretofore
5 performed and executed by the several officers enumerated in said
6 last preceding section.

1 **SEC. 13. Hotel license and inspection.** On July first (1), nineteen
2 hundred twenty-three (1923), the state board of health and the
3 hotel inspector shall deliver to the secretary of agriculture all books,
4 documents, records, and property pertaining to the licensing and
5 inspecting of hotels and restaurants, and from and after said date
6 the hotel inspector and said board of health are relieved of all right
7 or duty to administer said agency.

1 **SEC. 14. Duty and power of secretary.** The secretary of agricul-
2 ture shall receive the matters and things enumerated in the last pre-

3 ceding section and from and after said date shall be invested with
4 and shall perform and execute all the powers and duties heretofore
5 performed and executed either by the state board of health or by the
6 hotel inspector with reference to the licensing and inspecting of hotels
7 and restaurants.

1 **SEC. 15. State board of agriculture.** On July first (1), nineteen
2 hundred twenty-three (1923), the state board of agriculture and the
3 secretary thereof shall deliver to the secretary of agriculture all
4 books, documents, records, and property pertaining to the statutory
5 agencies and duties heretofore imposed either upon said board or upon
6 the secretary thereof, except the books, documents, records, and prop-
7 erty relating to the state fair grounds, the improvements thereon, and
8 the annual fair held on such grounds. From and after said date the
9 state board of agriculture and the secretary thereof shall be relieved
10 of all right or duty in relation to said surrendered agencies.

1 **SEC. 16. Duty and power of secretary.** The secretary of agricul-
2 ture shall receive the matters and things enumerated in the last pre-
3 ceding section and from and after said date shall be invested with
4 and shall perform and execute all the powers and duties pertaining
5 to said surrendered agencies as fully and to the same extent as was
6 formerly performed and executed by said board or the secretary
7 thereof.

1 **SEC. 17. Publication clause.** This act being deemed of immediate
2 importance shall be in full force and effect from and after its publica-
3 tion in the Des Moines Register and in the Des Moines Capital, news-
4 papers published in the city of Des Moines, Iowa.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the Des Moines Capital
April 7, 1923, and the Des Moines Register April 8, 1923.

W. C. RAMSAY, *Secretary of State.*

CHAPTER 47

IOWA STATE DAIRY ASSOCIATION

IOWA BEEF CATTLE PRODUCERS' ASSOCIATION

IOWA CORN AND SMALL GRAIN GROWERS' ASSOCIATION

S. F. 539

AN ACT to repeal section four (4) of chapter three hundred four (304), acts of the
thirty-ninth general assembly and to enact substitutes therefor, making an appropri-
ation for certain purposes connected with the work of the Iowa state dairy associa-
tion, the Iowa beef cattle producers' association and the Iowa corn and small grain
growers' association.

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

1 **SECTION 1.** Section four (4) of chapter three hundred four (304),
2 acts of the 39th general assembly is hereby repealed.