

SENATE FILE 2012
BY JOHNSON

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act appropriating moneys to reimburse commissioners of soil
2 and water conservation districts for administrative expenses,
3 and providing an effective date.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION -- SOIL AND WATER
2 CONSERVATION DISTRICTS. There is appropriated from the
3 general fund of the state to the department of agriculture and
4 land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005,
5 and ending June 30, 2006, the following amount, or so much
6 thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes
7 designated:

8 For purposes of reimbursing commissioners of soil and water
9 conservation districts for administrative expenses, including
10 but not limited to travel expenses, technical training, and
11 professional dues:

12 \$ 150,000

13 Sec. 2. DEPARTMENT -- PAYMENT OF REIMBURSEMENT MONEYS.

14 The department of agriculture and land stewardship shall
15 reimburse commissioners of soil and water conservation
16 districts the amount appropriated pursuant to section 1 of
17 this Act within ten days after the effective date of this Act.

18 Sec. 3. REPORTING. A soil and water conservation district
19 receiving moneys from the appropriation provided pursuant to
20 section 1 of this Act shall submit a report to the soil
21 conservation division of the department of agriculture and
22 land stewardship by January 1, 2007, accounting for moneys
23 which have been expended or unexpended or which have been
24 obligated or encumbered. The report shall state how the
25 moneys were used.

26 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of
27 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

28 EXPLANATION

29 During the 2005 Legislative Session, the general assembly
30 enacted three bills with provisions appropriating moneys for
31 the purpose of reimbursing commissioners of soil and water
32 conservation districts for administrative expenses. Senate
33 File 71 (2005 Iowa Acts, ch. 162) was a supplemental
34 appropriation for FY 2004-2005 which required the department
35 of agriculture and land stewardship to use \$250,000 from the

1 environment first fund (Code section 8.57A) in order to
2 reimburse the commissioners for their administrative expenses.
3 House File 808 (2005 Iowa Acts, ch. 172) in part appropriated
4 \$250,000 to the department for FY 2005-2006 for the same
5 purpose. However, H.F. 882 (2005 Iowa Acts, ch. 179) reduced
6 that amount by \$50,000.

7 This bill provides a supplemental appropriation of \$150,000
8 from the general fund to the department for FY 2005-2006 in
9 order to reimburse the commissioners for their administrative
10 expenses. The bill contains language similar to the
11 provisions contained in S.F. 71 requiring that the department
12 reimburse the commissioners within 10 days after the Act's
13 effective date. It contains language similar to S.F. 71 and
14 H.F. 808 requiring that a soil and water conservation district
15 submit a report to the department accounting for the
16 appropriated moneys. The bill provides that the report must
17 be submitted by January 1, 2007.

18 Like S.F. 71, the bill takes effect upon enactment.

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