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Section one hundred seventy-four point eleven (174.11) is further amended by inserting in line twelve (12) after the comma the fol-5 lowing: "except in counties where there are two definitely separate county extension offices,".

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CHAPTER 107

COUNTY AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION DISTRICTS

S. F. 198

AN ACT relating to the establishment of county agricultural extension districts and to the organization of county agricultural extension councils, to cooperate with the Iowa State College of Agriculture and Merchanic Arts and the United States Department of Agriculture, in conducting educational programs in agriculture, home economics and 4-H club work in the several counties and authorizing the levy of an economics and 4-H club work in the several counties and authorizing the levy of an annual tax therefor and providing for the appointment and supervision of county extension personnel, validating certain acts of county farm bureaus, amending sections one hundred seventy-six point three (176.3) and one hundred seventy-six point seven (176.7), Code 1954, and repealing sections one hundred seventy-six point (176.8), one hundred seventy-six point ten (176.10), one hundred seventy-six point televen (176.11), one hundred seventy-six point twelve (176.12), one hundred seventy-six point fifteen (176.15), and one hundred seventy-six point sixteen (176.16), Code 1954.

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

- SECTION 1. Short title. This chapter may be known and cited as 2 the "County Agricultural Extension Law."
- Declaration of policy. It is hereby declared to be the policy of the legislature to provide for aid in disseminating among the people of Iowa useful and practical information on subjects relating to agriculture, home economics and rural and community life, and to encourage the application of the same in the several counties of the state through extension work to be carried on in cooperation with Iowa State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts and the United States Department of Agriculture as provided in the Act of Congress May 8, 1914, as amended by Public Law 83 of the Eighty-third Con-10 gress.
- SEC. 3. Definition of terms. Whenever used or referred to in this chapter unless a different meaning clearly appears from the context (1) "county agricultural extension district" hereinafter referred to as "extension district" means a governmental subdivision of this state, and a public body corporate organized in accordance with the provisions of this chapter for the purposes, with the powers, and subject to the restrictions hereinafter set forth; (2) "county agricultural extension council" herein after referred to as "extension council" means the agency created and constituted as provided in section five (5) of this chapter; (3) "Iowa State College" means the "Iowa State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts," and shall hereinafter be referred to as "Iowa State College"; (4) "extension service" 10 11 12 means the "Cooperative Extension Service in Agriculture and Home Economics of Iowa State College," and shall hereinafter be referred to as "extension service"; (5) "director of extension" means the "Di-13 14

rector of Iowa State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts Extension Service," and shall hereinafter be referred to as "director of extension."

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- SEC. 4. Establishment—body corporate—county agricultural extension districts. Each county, except Pottawattamie, is constituted and established as a "county agricultural extension district" and shall be a public body corporate organized in accordance with the provisions of this chapter for the purposes, with the powers and subject to the restrictions hereinafter set forth. Pottawattamie County shall be divided into and constitute two districts with one district to be known as "East Pottawattamie" which shall include the following townships: Pleasant, Layton, Knox, James, Valley, Lincoln, Washington, Belknap, Center, Wright, Carson, Macedonia, Grove, Waveland; and the other "West Pottawattamie" which shall include the following townships: Rockford, Boomer, Neola, Minden, Hazel Dell, York, Crescent, Norwalk, Lake, Garner, Hardin, Kane, Lewis, Keg Creek, Silver Creek.
- SEC. 5. County agricultural extension council. There shall be elected in each extension district an "extension council" consisting of one elected resident member from each of the townships. The members of the extension council shall be qualified by being a resident qualified voter of the township. The resident qualified voters in each of the townships of a district shall meet annually during the period November 1st to December 31st, upon a date and at a time and place determined and fixed by the extension council, except as hereinotherwise provided.
- SEC. 6. Organization extension council—election and term. The members of the first extension council to be elected in each of the townships of each extension district after the effective date of this Act shall be elected during the period May 1st to July 31, 1955, at a meeting to be held in each of the townships of each of the extension districts on a date and at a time and place determined and fixed by the director of extension to serve for a term expiring as of December 31, 1955. The director of extension shall, during the period May 1st to July 31, 1955, call a meeting in each of the townships in the several districts for the election of the members of the first extension council and shall cause notice of said election to be published once at least one week but not more than three weeks prior to the date fixed for the holding of such meeting in a newspaper having general circulation in each extension district, and the cost of publishing said notice shall be paid by the extension council. The director of extension, prior to the date fixed for the holding of the election meetings in the several townships of the several districts, shall appoint in each of the townships of the several districts a nominating committee consisting of three members and designate the chairman thereof, which nominating committee shall nominate at least two eligible resident qualified voters as candidates for election to membership in the extension council and shall certify the names of the nominees and deliver said certificate to the person designated as chairman of the township election meeting on or before the date fixed for the holding thereof. Nominations for election to membership to the extension council may be made from the floor at said township election meeting. The

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director of extension shall, prior to the date of holding the first township elections, designate two resident qualified voters in each of the several townships of each of the extension districts, one to act as chairman and one to act as secretary of said meeting, which said meeting shall be conducted in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order. The minutes of said meeting shall be recorded by the secretary, signed and certified by the chairman and secretary, and delivered to the person elected as member of the extension council at said meeting who shall deliver the same to the county extension director of the county of the extension district within five days following the date of the election meeting, and the county extension director shall deliver the same to the director of extension. The director of extension shall, as soon as possible after the date of the election of the members of the first extension council, fix a date, time and place for the holding of the first meeting of the extension council in the several districts and call said meetings by giving not less than three days' notice thereof in writing mailed to the elected members of the extension councils of the several extension districts at the addresses shown on their certificates of election. The director of extension shall, prior to the date fixed for the holding of the first meeting of the extension council in each of the several districts, designate one of the elected members of the extension council in each district to act as temporary chairman of said meeting and one to act as temporary secretary of said meeting, both of whom shall act as such until the council has elected a chairman, vice chairman, secretary and a treasurer to serve as such for a term expiring December 31, 1955.

- SEC. 7. Extension council—first meeting—organization—election of officers. The extension council of each extension district shall, at its first meeting held following their election as hereinbefore provided, elect from their number a chairman, vice-chairman, secretary and a treasurer to serve for a term expiring December 31, 1955, and shall have and exercise the power and authority vested in the extension council as herein in this act provided. The extension council shall at said first meeting number from one up in alphabetical order the townships in their respective extension districts. At each township election meeting held in the several districts during the period November 1st-December 31, 1955, and each year thereafter, members of the extension council shall be elected in the odd and even numbered townships as hereinafter provided.
- SEC. 8. Members extension council—election—period November 1st-December 31, 1955—term of office. At the first township election meetings of the resident qualified voters in each of the several townships of the several districts held during the period November 1st-December 31, 1955, on a date and at the time and place fixed by the extension council of the several districts for the election of the members of the extension council there shall be elected in the odd numbered townships of each extension district one member for a term of one year, and in the even numbered townships one member for a term of two years, and thereafter in the year in each of the townships of each of the extension districts in which the term of office of the member of the extension council elected from the township expires as of December 31st in said year there shall be held an annual township

election meeting during the period November 1st-December 31st for the election of a member of the extension council for a term of two years. No member of the extension council who has been elected to serve for a two-year term shall be eligible for election for more than one successive two-year term.

SEC. 9. County agricultural extension council—meetings. The members of each of the extension councils elected from the several townships of each of the extension districts, as herein provided, shall constitute the extension council of each extension district and their term of office shall commence January 1st following the date of their election, and they shall meet annually in each of the extension districts on such date and at such time and place during the months of January and July each year, and at such other times during the year as shall be determined and fixed by the extension council, except in the year of 1955 as hereinotherwise provided.

SEC. 10. Powers and duties of county agricultural extension council. The extension councils of each extension district of the state, including the extension councils of the several extension districts elected during the period May 1st-July 31, 1955, shall have, exercise, and perform the following powers and duties:

(a) To elect from their own number annually in January a chairman, vice-chairman, secretary and a treasurer who shall serve and be the officers of the extension council for a term expiring December 31st each year following the effective date of this act, and perform

the functions and duties as herein in this act provided.

(b) To and shall each year at the meeting at which the date, time, and place of the holding of township election meetings is fixed and determined, appoint from their own number one member whose term does not expire as of December 31st following said meeting to act as temporary chairman of the first meeting of the extension council to be held in January following his appointment, and one to act as temporary secretary of said extension council meeting.

(c) To serve as an agency of the state and to manage and transact all of the business and affairs of its district and have control of all of the property acquired by it and necessary for the conduct of the busi-

ness of the district for the purposes of this act.

(d) To and shall fix the date, time and place in each of the townships of the extension district for the holding of township election meetings during the period provided for the holding of them for the election of members of the extension council, and call the township election meetings in each of the townships of the extension district for the election of the members of the extension council and cause notice of said election to be published once at least one week but not more than three weeks prior to the date fixed for the holding of such meetings in a newspaper having general circulation in each extension district, and the cost of publishing said notice shall be paid by the extension council.

(e) To and shall prior to the date of the holding of a township election meeting, designate two resident qualified voters in each of the several townships in which an election meeting is to be held, one to act as chairman, one to act as secretary of said meeting, which said meeting shall be conducted in accordance with Roberts Rules of

Order. The minutes of each township election meeting held after the effective date of this act shall be recorded by the secretary, signed and certified by the chairman and secretary and delivered by the secretary to the office of the extension council of the several extension districts on or before the date fixed for the next meeting of the extension council.

(f) To and shall prior to the date fixed for the holding of the election meetings in the several townships of the district, appoint in each of the townships in which a township election meeting is to be held a nominating committee consisting of three members and designate the chairman thereof, which nominating committee shall nominate at least two resident qualified voters as candidates for election to membership in the extension council, which committee shall certify the names of the nominees and deliver said certificate to the person designated as chairman of the township election meeting on or before the date fixed for the holding thereof.

(g) To enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the extension service setting forth the cooperative relationship between the extension service and the extension district.

(h) To employ all necessary extension professional personnel from qualified nominees furnished to it and recommended by the director of extension and not to terminate the employment of any such without first conferring with the director of extension, and to employ such other personnel as it shall determine necessary for the conduct of the business of the extension district, and to fix the compensation for all such personnel in cooperation with the extension service and in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding entered into with such extension service.

(i) To prepare annually on or before July 31st a budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1 and ending December 31 in accordance with the provisions of chapter twenty-four (24), Code 1954, and certify the same to the board of supervisors of the county of their extension district as required by law.

(j) To and shall be responsible for the preparation and adoption of the educational program on extension work in agriculture, home economics and 4-H club work, and periodically review said program and for the carrying out of the same in cooperation with the extension service in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding with said extension service.

(k) To make and adopt such rules and regulations not inconsistent with the law as it may deem necessary for its own government and the transaction of the business of the extension district.

(1) To fill all vacancies in its membership to serve for the unexpired term of the member creating such vacancy by electing a resident qualified voter from the township of the residence of the member creating such vacancy. If for any reason a township election meeting is not held pursuant to call and published notice and no one is elected from said township as a member of the extension council of the district, there shall be a vacancy in such membership on the extension council.

(m) To and shall, as soon as possible following the meeting at which the officers are elected, file in the office of the board of supervisors and of the county treasurer a certificate signed by its chair-

man and secretary certifying the names, addresses and terms of office of each member, and the names and addresses of the officers, of the extension council with the signatures of the officers affixed thereto, and said certificate shall be conclusive as to the organization of the extension district, its extension council, and as to its members and its officers.

(n) To and shall deposit all funds received from the "county agricultural extension education fund" in a bank or banks approved by it in the name of the extension district. These receipts shall constitute a fund known as the "county agricultural extension education fund" which shall be disbursed by the treasurer of the extension council on vouchers signed by its chairman and secretary and approach by the extension council on vouchers signed by its chairman and secretary and approach by the extension council or vouchers signed by the treasurer of the extension council or vouchers signed by the treasurer of the extension council or vouchers signed by the treasurer and approach to the extension council or vouchers signed by the treasurer and approach to the extension council or vouchers signed by the treasurer of the extension council or vouchers signed by the treasurer of the extension council or vouchers signed by the treasurer of the extension council or vouchers signed by the treasurer of the extension council or vouchers signed by the treasurer of the extension council or vouchers signed by the treasurer of the extension council or vouchers signed by the treasurer of the extension council or vouchers signed by the treasurer of the extension council or vouchers signed by the treasurer of the extension council or vouchers signed by the treasurer of the extension council or vouchers signed by the treasurer of the extension council or vouchers signed by the treasurer of the extension council or vouchers signed by the treasurer of the extension council or vouchers signed by the treasurer of the extension council or vouchers are the extension

proved by the extension council and recorded in its minutes.

(o) To expend the "county agricultural extension education fund" for salaries and travel, expense of personnel, rental, office supplies, equipment, communications, office facilities and services, and in payment of such other items as shall be necessary to carry out the extension district program; provided, however, it shall be unlawful for the county agricultural extension council to lease any office space which is occupied or used by any other farm organization or farm cooperative, and provided further, that it shall be lawful for the county agricultural extension council to lease space in a building owned and/or occupied by a farm organization or farm cooperative.

(p) To carry over unexpended county agricultural extension education funds into the next year so that funds will be available to carry on the program until such time as monies received from taxes are collected by the county treasurer provided however that the unencumbered funds in the county agricultural extension education fund in excess of one half $(\frac{1}{2})$ the amount expended from said fund in the previous year shall be paid over to the county treasurer who shall

transfer such funds to the general fund of the county.

(q) To file with the county auditor and to publish in two newspapers of general circulation in the district before February 1 full and detailed reports under oath of all receipts and expenditures of such county agricultural extension education fund showing from whom received, to whom paid and for what purpose for the last fiscal year.

SEC. 11. Limitation on powers and activities of extension council. (a) The extension council shall have for its sole purpose the dissemination of information, the giving of instruction and practical demonstrations on subjects relating to agriculture, home economics, rural and community life and the encouragement of the application of the same to and by all persons in the extension district, and the imparting to such persons of information on said subjects through field demonstrations. publications, or other media.

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(b) The extension district, its council, or a member or an employee as a representative of either one or the other shall not engage in commercial or other private enterprises, legislative programs, nor attempt in any manner by the adoption of resolutions or otherwise to influence legislation, either state or national, or other activities not

authorized by this act.

(c) The extension council or a member or employee thereof as a representative of either the extension district or the extension coun-

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cil shall not give preferred services to any individual, group or organization or sponsor the programs of any group, organization or private agency other than as herein provided by this act.

(d) The extension council may collect reasonable fees for specific services which require special equipment or personnel, such as soil testing services, seed testing services, or other educational services, but it shall not collect dues for or pay dues to any state or national organization or agency, nor shall it accept contributions or gifts for

the extension district, or the extension council.

(e) The extension council and its employed personnel may cooperate with, give information and advice to organized and unorganized groups, but shall not promote, sponsor or engage in the organization of any group for any purpose except the promoting, organization and the development of the programs of 4-H clubs. Nothing in this act shall prevent the county extension council or extension agents employed by it from using or seeking opportunities to reach an audience of persons interested in agricultural extension work through the help of interested farm organizations, civic organizations or any other group: Provided, that in using or seeking such opportunities, the county extension council or agents employed by it shall make available to all groups and organizations in the county equal opportunity to cooperate in the educational extension program.

(f) No member of the extension council shall be paid any compensation or be reimbursed for expenses incurred in connection with or for services rendered as a member of the extension council or as an

employee of the extension district or extension council.

County agricultural extension education tax. The extension council of each extension district shall, at a regular or special meeting held in July in the year 1955, and each year thereafter, estimate the amount of money required to be raised by taxation for financing the county agricultural extension education program authorized in this act. The amount so estimated shall not exceed the amount of money which the following millage rate will produce, based on the assessed value of the taxable property in the extension district: For the "county agricultural extension education fund" annually not to exceed one-half mill on the dollar of assessed valuation. provided, however, that no extension council in an extension district shall make an estimate or certify an amount in any one year in excess of twenty thousand dollars in districts having a population of sixty thousand or more, seventeen thousand five hundred dollars in districts having a population of sixteen thousand or more but less than sixty thousand, and fifteen thousand dollars in districts having a population of less than sixteen thousand, which shall be the maximum amount that any such extension district shall be entitled to receive annually from the county. The extension council in every extension district shall in every respect comply with chapter twenty-four (24), Code 1954.

SEC. 13. Annual levy by board of supervisors. The board of supervisors of each county shall annually, at the time of levying taxes for county purposes, levy the taxes necessary to raise the county agricultural extension education fund and certified to it by the extension council as provided in this act, but if the amount cer-

tified for such fund is in excess of the amount authorized by this act it shall levy only so much thereof as is authorized by this act.

- SEC. 14. County agricultural extension education fund. There shall be established in each county a "county agricultural extension education fund" and the county treasurer of each county shall keep the amount of tax levied for such fund, as herein in this act authorized, in said fund. Before the fifteenth day of each month in each year, from and after January 1, 1956, the county treasurer of each county shall give notice to the chairman of the extension council of his county of the amount collected for the "county agricultural extension education fund" to the first day of such month, and the chairman of the extension council shall draw his draft therefor, countersigned by the secretary upon the county treasurer who shall pay such taxes to the treasurer of the extension council only on such draft.
- SEC. 15. Cooperation extension council—extension service. The extension council is specifically authorized to cooperate with the extension service and the United States Department of Agriculture in the accomplishment of the county agricultural extension education program contemplated by this act, to the end that the federal funds allocated to the extension service and the county agricultural extension education fund of each district may be more efficiently used by the extension service and the extension council. The director of extension shall coordinate the county agricultural extension education program in the several extension districts.
- SEC. 16. Extension council officers—duties. (a) The chairman of the extension council shall preside at all meetings of the extension council, have authority to call special meetings of said council upon such notice as shall be fixed and determined by the extension council, and shall call special meetings of the extension council upon the written request of a majority of the members of said council, and in addition to the duties imposed upon him in this act perform and exercise the usual duties performed and exercised by a chairman or president of a board of directors of a corporation.
- (b) The vice-chairman, in the absence or disability of the chairman, or his refusal to act, shall perform the duties imposed upon the chairman and act in his stead.
- (c) The secretary shall perform the duties usually incident to this office. He shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the extension council. He shall sign such instruments and papers as are required to be signed by him as such in this act, and by the extension council from time to time.
- (d) The treasurer shall receive, deposit and have charge of all of the funds of the extension council and pay and disburse the same as in this act required, and as may be from time to time required by the extension council. He shall keep an accurate record of receipts and disbursements and submit a report thereof at such times as may be required by the extension council.

Each of the officers of the extension council shall perform and carry out the duties herein in this section imposed upon them and perform and carry out such other duties as shall be imposed upon them in the rules and regulations adopted by the extension council

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from time to time as in this act authorized. The members of the extension council, within fifteen days after their election as such, shall take and sign the usual oath of public officers and the same shall be filed in the office of the county auditor of the county of the extension district. The treasurer of the extension council, within ten days after his election as treasurer and before entering upon the duties of his office as treasurer, shall execute to the extension council a corporate surety bond of one hundred twenty-five per cent of the amount, as near as can be ascertained, that shall be in his hands as treasurer at any one time. All such bonds shall be continued to the faithful discharge of the duties of the office of treasurer. The amount and sufficiency of all bonds shall be determined by the county treasurer of the county of the extension district and upon his approval endorsed on the bond shall be filed with the county auditor of the county of the extension district who shall notify the chairman of the extension council of the approval by the county treasurer and of the filing thereof in his office. The cost of any corporate surety bond so furnished by a treasurer shall be paid for by the extension council.

Transfer farm bureau county extension fund. On or before August 1, 1955, all of the unexpended money deposited by the county farm bureau of any of the extension districts of this state, either in the "county agricultural extension program fund" or in the "county farm bureau extension allotment fund" of a county farm bureau, shall be transferred and paid to the treasurers of the several extension councils for deposit in the "county agricultural extension education fund" of the extension district and be used by the several extension councils as authorized in this act. The personal property, equipment, etc., owned by the extension service located in the several extension districts of the state shall be transferred and delivered to the extension service in the respective extension districts. The extension councils of the several extension districts may, during the period August 1st-December 31, 1955, accept and receive from the respective county farm bureaus of the several extension districts the remainder of the county farm bureaus' contributions to the "county farm bureau extension allotment fund" for the remainder of the year 1955, but no contributions may be accepted or received from a county farm bureau by any extension council in any extension district after December 31, 1955.

SEC. 18. Anything in this Act to the contrary notwithstanding, the appropriations made by the county boards of supervisors to the farm aid associations (county farm bureaus) of this state for the fiscal year 1955, which said appropriations have not been paid over to the county farm bureaus of this state before August 1, 1955, shall be paid over to the county agricultural extension districts to be used by said districts for the purposes stated in this Act.

SEC. 19. Section one hundred seventy-six point three (176.3), Article 3, Code 1954, is amended by striking all after the word "association" in line eighteen (18) through the period (.) at the end of Article 5 and inserting in lieu thereof a period .(.)

SEC. 20. Section one hundred seventy-six point seven (176.7), Code 1954, is amended by striking all of lines three (3) through seventeen (17) inclusive.

- SEC. 21. Sections one hundred seventy-six point eight (176.8) to one hundred seventy-six point twelve (176.12), both inclusive, and one hundred seventy-six point fifteen (176.15) to one hundred seventy-six point sixteen (176.16), both inclusive, Code 1954, are hereby repealed.
- SEC. 22. Saving clause. Should any section, clause, sentence, or provision of this act be held to be invalid for any reason, such holding or decree shall not be construed as affecting the validity of any of the remaining portions of this act, it being the intent of the legislature that this act shall stand and the legislature would have adopted the remainder of this act, notwithstanding the invalidity of any such section, clause, sentence, or provision.
- SEC. 23. This act being deemed of immediate importance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication in the Hampton Chronicle, a newspaper published at Hampton, Iowa, and in The Wellman Advance, a newspaper published at Wellman, Iowa.

Approved May 6, 1955.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Act, Senate File 198, was published in the Hampton Chronicle, Hampton, Iowa, May 12, 1955, and in The Wellman Advance, Wellman, Iowa, May 12, 1955.

MELVIN D. SYNHORST, Secretary of State.

CHAPTER 108

BRANDING ANIMALS

H. F. 80

AN ACT to amend chapter one hundred eight-seven (187), Code 1954, relating to the marking and branding of animals.

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

- 1. Section 1. Section one hundred eighty-seven point one (187.1), 2 Code 1954, is hereby repealed.
- SEC. 2. Section one hundred eighty-seven point two (187.2), Code 1954, is hereby amended by striking lines five (5), six (6), and seven (7), and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "recorder of the county in which the owner resides for which the recorder shall receive a fee of one dollar (\$1.00).".
- SEC. 3. Section one hundred eighty-seven point three (187.3), Code 1954, is hereby amended by striking the word "township," in line four (4) and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "county." and striking the remainder of said section.
- SEC. 4. Chapter one hundred eighty-seven (187), Code 1954, is further amended by adding thereto the following: "The books hereto-fore maintained by the township clerks shall be transferred to the county recorder.".

Approved April 28, 1955.