

# A BILL

## FOR AN ACT TO CREATE AN IOWA STATE AGRICULTURAL BUREAU.

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby created an Iowa State Agricultural Bureau, to be under the  
2 control and management of a commissioner, who shall be styled the "Agricultural Commis-  
3 sioner of Iowa," to be appointed as hereinafter provide by this act.

SEC. 2. The Agricultural Commissioner shall be appointed by the Governor, by and with  
2 the advice and consent of the Senate. The term of his office shall begin on the first day of  
3 May, A. D. 1886, and shall continue two years, and until his successor is appointed and quali-  
4 fied. He shall be an elector of this State, well versed and experienced in the business of  
5 practical and scientific agriculture, and all departments relating thereto, and shall give his  
6 personal presence and attention to the duties of his office.

SEC. 3. Within thirty days after the passage of this act, if the Senate be in session, and  
2 on the first Wednesday of February, A. D. 1888, and every two years thereafter, the Governor  
3 shall nominate a proper person as Agricultural Commissioner, and send his name to the  
4 Senate for confirmation. In case the Senate refuses to confirm, the Governor shall nomi-  
5 nate some other suitable person, and send his name to the Senate within three days after  
6 the last nomination was rejected, and so on until an appointment satisfactory to the Gov-  
7 ernor and Senate is made, or until the Senate adjourns. In case of a final disagreement,  
8 between the Governor and Senate, in the appointment of an Agricultural Commissioner, or  
9 when a vacancy occurs in the office when the Senate is not in session, the Governor shall, by  
10 and with the advice of the Executive Council, within thirty days after the adjournment of  
11 the Senate, or the occurrence of such vacancy, appoint a suitable person for said office for  
12 the full or unexpired term, as the case may be; *provided*, that in no case shall a person be  
13 appointed who has been rejected by the Senate, and also that when such appointment is  
14 made to fill a vacancy the appointee shall qualify at once, assume the duties of, and continue  
15 in office for the unexpired portion of the term.

SEC. 4. The Agricultural Commissioner shall receive as compensation for his services an  
2 annual salary of \$2,000.00, to be paid in monthly installments, as are other State officers.  
3 He shall have and keep an office in the Agricultural rooms in the State capitol at Des  
4 Moines, in which shall be kept all records, documents, papers, correspondence, and prop-

5 erty pertaining to the office, and shall deliver the same to his successor in office. He shall  
6 be entitled to a secretary, or clerk, the necessary stationery, postage, and office expenses.  
7 The salary of said clerk shall not exceed the sum of \$1,000.00 per annum, all to be paid as  
8 the salaries and expenses of State officers are.

SEC 5. Before entering upon the duties of his office such Commissioner shall take the  
2 proper official oath, and execute a bond to the State of Iowa in the sum of \$10,000.00, with  
3 at least two good and sufficient sureties, to be approved by the Governor, for the faithful  
4 performance of his duties. Said bond, with the official oath, shall be filed and recorded in  
5 the office of Secretary of State.

SEC. 6. Said Commissioner may be removed from his office by the Governor for manifest  
2 inefficiency, incompetency, neglect of duty, or malfeasance in office, and any vacancy so  
3 occurring shall be filled as hereinbefore directed.

SEC. 7. The duties of said Commissioner shall be to collect, assort, systematize, and  
2 present in annual report to the Governor, on or before the first day of July in each year  
3 statistical details relating to all departments of agriculture, embracing practical and scien-  
4 tific experiments, ways and means for procuring the best results, plans, specifications, as far  
5 as possible, adapted to the wants and means of the average agriculturists, with a view to  
6 the encouragement of better ways. He shall give details of agriculture in its relations to  
7 commerce, State, inter-State, and national; to social and educational and sanitary condi-  
8 tions. He shall hold agricultural institutes, so far as possible, in each of the counties of  
9 the State during his term of office; he shall have power to employ good and sufficient  
10 assistants for conducting such institutes, for the purpose of illustrating and teaching, by  
11 lecture and otherwise, the best theories and practices as adapted to the most successful sci-  
12 entific and practical agriculture in any or all of its departments; he shall have charge of  
13 the publication and distribution of the proceedings and reports of the several societies and  
14 associations that pertain to the different departments of agriculture, the expense of which  
15 the State has now or may hereafter assume. His report to the Governor, when printed,  
16 shall not contain more than 600 pages, octavo. Five thousand copies shall be printed and  
17 bound uniformly and similar to the reports of other State officers as now authorized by law,  
18 and shall be distributed as follows: To the public libraries in the State; to the various  
19 agricultural periodical publications in the State; to the officers of the various societies and  
20 associations of the different departments of agriculture within the State, and other places  
21 where the Commissioner may deem proper.

SEC. 8. He shall have charge of the enforcement of all laws enacted to prevent the adul-  
2 teration of food or for regulating the sale of butterine or oleomargarine, or any other imita-  
2 tion of dairy product; and for the purpose of enabling him to perform his work he may  
3 with the consent of the Governor appoint an assistant who shall be known as Dairy Commis-

4 sioner of Iowa, who shall hold his office during the pleasure of, or until the expiration of,  
5 the office of the Agricultural Commissioner ; the Dairy Commissioner shall be a member of  
6 State Board of Health which membership shall be in addition to that now allowed ; he shall  
7 be skilled in the methods, arts and science of dairy manufacture ; he shall be entitled to re-  
8 ceive as compensation for his services \$5.00 per day for each day actually devoted to the  
9 performance of his work under the order of the Commissioner of Agriculture.

SEC. 9. The Commissioner of Agriculture shall have charge of the enforcement of all  
2 laws relating to contagious and infectious diseases among domestic animals, and for this  
3 purpose the State Veterinary Surgeon, as provided for in chapter 189, laws of the Twen-  
4 tieth General Assembly, shall be his assistant and accountable to him for the faithful per-  
5 formance of his duties.

SEC. 10. For the purpose of enabling the Commissioner to carry out the provisions of this  
2 act regarding the holding of agricultural institutes there is appropriated annually out of  
3 any moneys belonging to the State and not otherwise appropriated the sum of \$3,000 ; *pro-*  
4 *vided*, that no such institute shall be held in any county unless at least fifty agriculturalists  
5 and others pledge at least that number of regular attendants, and that the institute shall  
6 not be less than five sessions of two hours each. And, *provided further*, that no more than  
7 \$100 be expended from the State fund herein provided for any one such institute.

SEC. 11. All charges for per diem services rendered by the Dairy Commissioner assistant,  
2 or by the Veterinary Surgeon assistant as provided may be charged by law shall receive  
3 the approval of the executive council before a warrant is drawn therefor by the State  
4 Auditor.

SEC. 12. All acts and parts of acts that interfere with the provisions of this act are  
2 hereby repealed.