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Agriculture.

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A BILL FOR

An Act to amend chapter three hundred seventeen (317), Code 1946, relating to weeds.

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

1 Section 1. Amend section three hundred seventeen point
2 three (317.3), Code 1946, by striking therefrom the following:
3 the word "either" in line two (2) thereof; and from lines
4 three (3), four (4), five (5) and six (6) the following: "or
5 one township weed commissioner for each township, whose term
6 or terms of office shall not exceed one (1) year"; also from
7 lines eight (8) and nine (9) the following: ", whose term of
8 office shall not exceed one (1) year"; also from lines
9 thirteen (13) and fourteen (14) the following: "or township
10 commissioners".

1 Sec. 2. Amend section three hundred seventeen point four
2 (317.4), Code 1946, by striking from line five (5) thereof
3 the word "township,".

1 Sec. 3 Amend section three hundred seventeen point six
2 (317.6), Code 1946, by striking the word "ten" in line five (5)
3 and inserting in lieu thereof the word "five".

1 Sec. 4 Amend section three hundred seventeen point

2 eight (317.8), Code 1946, by inserting after the word "weed"
3 in line twelve (12) the following "appearing in the state".

1 Sec. 5. Amend section three hundred seventeen point eleven
2 (317.11), Code 1946, by striking the word "primary" appearing
3 in lines two (2) and five (5) thereof.

1 Sec. 6. Amend section three hundred seventeen point
2 twelve (317.12), Code 1946, by striking the word "primary" from
3 line six (6) and line eight (8) thereof.

1 Sec. 7. Amend section three hundred seventeen point
2 thirteen (317.13), Code 1946, by striking the word "township"
3 from line four (4), and by striking the word "primary" from line
4 ten (10), and by striking the word "other" from line twelve
5 (12) thereof.

1 Sec. 8. Amend section three hundred seventeen point
2 eighteen (317.18), Code 1946, by striking the word "primary"
3 from line three (3) thereof, and by striking the following from
4 line seventeen (17) "or township".

1 Sec. 9. Further amend said chapter by adding the following:
2 "An additional one-fourth (1/4) mill may be levied by the county
3 board of supervisors for the purpose of purchasing weed
4 eradicating equipment and materials to carry out the duties of
5 the county weed commissioner for use on all lands in the county,
6 public or private. Such equipment and its use shall be subject
7 to the authorization and direction of the county board of
8 supervisors."



EXPLANATION OF H. F. 53

The purpose of the bill is to improve the existing weed laws of Iowa by providing for a county weed commissioner instead of township commissioners. About 1/3 of the counties have county weed commissioners at the present time and the records show that they are doing much more to control weeds than the counties operating under the township commissioner system. The present bill also provides for fewer days to elapse after giving official notice to cut weeds on private land. Also clarifies the power of the secretary of agriculture in declaring new weeds noxious. By removing the word "primary" before noxious weeds, the bill clarified very distinctly just what weeds are meant to be controlled under certain provisions of the present law.