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By HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE.

A BILL FOR

An Act to amend Chapter Three Hundred Ten (310), Code 1946, relating to farm-to-market roads, to harmonize the farm-to-market road law with the federal law which authorizes aid to secondary roads, to enlarge the farm-to-market road system to coincide with the federal aid secondary road system, and to equalize farm-to-market road improvements in all sections of the state.

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

1 Section 1. Section Three Hundred Ten point Five (310.5),
2 Code 1946, is hereby repealed.

1 Sec. 2. Section Three Hundred Ten point Six (310.6), Code
2 1946, is hereby amended and revised to read as follows: "The
3 State Highway Commission shall keep accounts in relation to
4 the farm-to-market road fund, crediting said fund with all
5 amounts by law creditable thereto and charging said fund with
6 all duly and finally approved vouchers for claims properly
7 chargeable thereto."

1 Sec. 3. Section Three Hundred Ten point Eight (310.8),
2 Code 1946, is hereby amended and revised to read as follows:
3 "The State Highway Commission shall proceed with the
4 improvement of the farm-to-market road system as rapidly as
5 funds become available therefor, until the entire mileage of

6 said road system is graded, drained, bridged, and surfaced with
7 gravel or other surfacing approved by the commission as
8 adequate for carrying the traffic thereon. No road shall be
9 surfaced until it has been brought to finished grade and
10 drained. Preference shall be given to projects which involve
11 grading, bridging, and graveling or other similar surfacing.
12 Such work shall be completed at the earliest practical date.
13 Improvement of the farm-to-market roads shall be made and
14 carried on in such manner as to equalize the work in all
15 sections of the state, as nearly as possible, giving special
16 attention to bringing the sections of the state where
17 improvements have been retarded, to an equality and on the
18 same basis with the more advanced sections.”

1 Sec. 4. Section Three Hundred Ten point Nine (310.9),
2 Code 1946, is hereby amended by striking all that part of
3 said Section after the semi-colon (;) following the word
4 “required” in line eleven (11) of said section and substituting
5 the following in lieu thereof, “that the county has made every
6 reasonable effort by the levying of local road taxes, and
7 otherwise, to provide funds for the improvement of its farm-
8 to-market roads, and that it is necessary that the farm-to-market
9 road fund pay, or aid in paying, the cost of constructing said
10 project. At least one-fourth and not over one-third of the
11 cost of any farm-to-market road project in any county shall be
12 paid by said county from its secondary road construction fund.”

1 Sec. 5. Section Three Hundred Ten point Ten (310.10),

2 Code 1946, is hereby amended and revised to read as follows:

3 "The secondary roads of the state are, for the purposes of
4 this chapter, divided into two systems, to-wit: a farm-to-
5 market road system of not more than 35,000 miles, and a local
6 secondary road system. The farm-to-market road system shall
7 embrace those main market secondary roads (not including roads
8 in cities and towns) which connect the rural areas with cities,
9 towns, villages, main market centers, primary roads, and other
10 rural areas and which have already been designated by the county
11 boards of supervisors, recommended by the state highway
12 commission, and approved by the U. S. Public Roads Administra-
13 tion for inclusion in the Federal Aid Secondary Road System
14 under the Federal Highway Act of 1944. The State Highway Com-
15 mission shall file with the county auditor of each county a
16 map showing the farm-to-market road system so approved in that
17 county.

18 The farm-to-market road mileage of the state shall be
19 equitably divided among all the counties of the state. For
20 that purpose and in order to meet unforeseen or better
21 understood conditions, the said farm-to-market road system in
22 any county shall be subject to revision by the State Highway
23 Commission but the total mileage of said system shall not be
24 increased above thirty-five thousand (35,000) miles. Any
25 portion of said farm-to-market road system eliminated by any
26 change shall revert to and become a part of the local secondary
27 road system."

1 Sec. 6. Section Three Hundred Ten point Twelve (310.12)

2 Code 1946, is hereby repealed.

1 Sec. 7. Section Three Hundred Ten point Sixteen (310.16)

2 Code 1946, is hereby amended by inserting a period (.) after
3 the word "fund" in line three (3) of said section and striking
4 the remainder of said section.

1 Sec. 8. Section Three Hundred Ten point Twenty (310.20)

2 Code 1946, is hereby amended by striking from lines seven (7)
3 and eight (8) of said section the words "county's allotment
4 of the".

1 Sec. 9. Section Three Hundred Ten point Twenty-Two (310.22)

2 Code 1946 is hereby amended and revised to read as follows:
3 "Right of way for farm-to-market road projects under this
4 chapter may be acquired by the county, or the county board
5 may request the state highway commission to acquire such right
6 of way. In either event such right of way may be paid for out
7 of the farm-to-market road fund allotted to such project, or
8 may be paid for by the county out of its secondary road con-
9 struction fund, as may be agreed between the county board and
10 the highway commission."

1 Sec. 10. Sections Three Hundred Ten point Twenty-Six

2 (310.26) and Three Hundred Ten point Twenty-seven (310.27),
3 Code 1946, are hereby repealed.

1 Sec. 11. Section Three Hundred Ten point Twenty-eight

2 (310.28), Code 1946, is hereby amended by striking from lines
3 four (4) and five (5) of said section, the words "said county's

4 allotment of”; also by striking from lines eight (8) and nine
5 (9) of said section, the words “Commission’s support fund or out
6 of the”.

1 Sec. 12. Section Three Hundred Ten point Twenty-nine
2 (310.29) Code 1946, is hereby amended as follows: Strike
3 from line fifteen (15) of said section the words “said county’s
4 allotment of”; also strike from lines eighteen (18) and
5 nineteen (19) of said section the words “said county’s allotment
6 of”.

1 Sec. 13. Section Three Hundred Ten point Thirty-three
2 (310.33) Code 1946, is hereby repealed.

1 Sec. 14. Any farm-to-market road funds allotted to any
2 county before this act becomes effective, shall be expended
3 on the farm-to-market roads in that county.