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**House File 354**

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Passed House, Date .....

Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....

Passed Senate, Date.....

Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....

Approved .....

**A BILL FOR**

An Act to amend Chapter one hundred seventy-six (176), Code 1950, relating to farm aid associations and amending the law relative to the annual meetings of such associations, the amounts to be appropriated for such associations and the method of disbursing the money appropriated.

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

1 Section 1. Amend section one hundred seventy-six point  
2 three (176.3) by striking all of the second paragraph of  
3 subsection (Article) three (3) and substituting in lieu thereof  
4 the following:

5 "Such officers and directors shall be elected by the members  
6 of the corporation at an annual meeting held at such time and  
7 place in the county each year, as the board of directors shall  
8 by resolution fix and determine and provided further that the  
9 members shall be given not less than ten (10) days notice of  
10 such meeting by mailing notice thereof to the members, at their  
11 last known address, as shown by the records of the association;  
12 the term of such officers and directors shall begin on the first  
13 Monday in the next January after their election and they shall

14 serve for a term of one year and until their successors are  
15 elected and have qualified. Not more than two of such directors  
16 shall be residents of the same township at the time of election.”

1 Sec. 2. Amend section one hundred seventy-six point eight  
2 (176.8) by striking all of the first sentence of said section  
3 after the word “appropriate” in line nine (9) and substituting  
4 in lieu thereof the words “annually, during the month of January,  
5 to such organization or association from the general fund of the  
6 county such amounts as are hereinafter set forth, such monies  
7 to be disbursed as hereinafter provided in this chapter.”

1 Sec. 3. Further amend section one hundred seventy-six  
2 point eight (176.8) by striking all of the second sentence of  
3 said section and substituting in lieu thereof, the following:

4 “The county board of supervisors shall appropriate to such  
5 association the sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars, such  
6 amount to be so appropriated to be used by such association for  
7 the payment of the expenses of carrying on the extension program  
8 of such association as contemplated in this chapter.

9 “In addition to such above stated amount the county board  
10 of supervisors may annually, during the month of January appro-  
11 priate to such association an additional sum not to exceed Two  
12 Thousand (\$2,000.00) Dollars, if such association has in its  
13 employ, or is about to employ a County Extension Home Economist  
14 or a Youth Assistant.

15 In the event that either a County Extension Home Economist  
16 or the Youth Assistant shall not be in the employ of such

17 association for the full fiscal year of the association, then  
18 and in that event, the amount which shall be expended from the  
19 sum appropriated by the county board of supervisors for such  
20 purpose shall be computed on a pro-rata basis for each of said  
21 positions, depending on the number of weeks such position has  
22 been filled, and any amount remaining in said fund for any of  
23 said positions, at the end of any fiscal year of such association,  
24 shall be repaid to the county general fund as hereinafter in this  
25 chapter provided.

26 “In the event that there are such associations in counties  
27 holding court in two cities and having a population greater than  
28 sixty thousand (60,000) and wherein two farm aid associations  
29 have been organized and shall have qualified under this law,  
30 there shall be annually appropriated to each of such associations  
31 the sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars, and each of such  
32 associations may qualify for and may be entitled to the additional  
33 appropriations hereinbefore provided.

1 Sec. 4. Amend section one hundred seventy-six point eleven  
2 (176.11) by striking all of said section after the words “Funds—  
3 how expended” and substituting in lieu thereof, the following:

4 “The funds which shall be appropriated by the board of  
5 supervisors to such association, as hereinbefore in this chapter  
6 set forth, shall be paid over to the treasurer of such association  
7 who shall place said funds in a special bank account designed  
8 as ‘The County Agricultural Extension Program Fund’ and no other  
9 funds shall be commingled therewith and said funds shall be

10 disbursed from said special bank account by the treasurer only  
11 on bills allowed by the board of directors and certified to by  
12 the president or secretary of such association and in the event  
13 that after the close of any fiscal year of such association  
14 there shall remain any unencumbered funds in such special account,  
15 the board of directors shall authorize and order the treasurer  
16 of such association to pay over any such funds remaining in such  
17 special account to the county treasurer who shall transfer such  
18 funds to the general fund of the county. Separate books of  
19 account shall be kept by the association covering the funds in  
20 such special account. Within one month after the close of the  
21 fiscal year, the board of directors of the association shall  
22 publish in two newspapers of general circulation in the county  
23 a complete list of all income and expenditures of the special  
24 account received and used for educational purposes for the last  
25 fiscal year. Such list shall itemize the appropriation made  
26 by the county board of supervisors and state the amount of  
27 money contributed by the association to carry out the educational  
28 program.

29 "All other funds advanced to or belonging to such association  
30 shall be paid over to the treasurer of such association and such  
31 funds shall be paid out only on bills allowed by the board of  
32 directors and certified to by the president or secretary of such  
33 association.

#### EXPLANATION OF H. F. 354

The present farm aid association law authorizes a county appropriation for extension work of \$3,000 in counties having a population of less than 25,000 and \$5,000 in counties with a larger population. This law has been in effect since 1918.

When the farm aid law was enacted, the prevailing practice was to employ only one extension person to a county. At present, at least two extension workers are employed in most counties and all expenses have greatly increased. As a result, the local people in the counties through the payment of county membership dues have been contributing nearly four times as much towards the financial support of county extension work as the law originally contemplated. The extension program which is sponsored by farm aid associations, is open and available to all residents of the county, rural and urban alike.

The proposed amendment to the existing law allows the annual meeting of the association to be held at a time more convenient for the members and requires a written notice to be sent to each member; every such association will receive \$5,000 per annum and may receive, not to exceed, an additional \$2,000 per annum for additional extension personnel employed as provided in the proposed amendment. Such an increase in the county appropriation will result in a better extension program including 4-H Club activities. The members of the farm aid association will still contribute a large portion of the funds required for carrying on the extension program. The amendment also enacts into law the present procedure followed by all counties of requiring that the funds appropriated by the board of supervisors be placed in a special bank account and no other funds commingled with such funds with separate books of account maintained for that fund. The amendment also requires annual publication of the income and expenditure of the special account in two local newspapers.