

CHAPTER 261.

[H. F. No. 452.]

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AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN FARMERS' INSTITUTES IN MINNESOTA.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:*Appropriation
for farmers'
institutes.

SECTION 1. That the sum of seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500) per year, for the years one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven (1887) and one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight (1888) be, and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the maintenance of farmer's institutes, to be held in the several counties of this state as hereinafter provided.

Expenses
limited to \$100.

SEC. 2. That not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100) of said appropriation shall be expended in the holding of any one such institute, such expenditure being only for the legitimate and necessary expenses of the institute, including the board and traveling expenses of the instructors, and a reasonable compensation for their services: and *provided*, that none of these moneys shall be expended for hall rent, fuel, lights, local advertising or compensation for services of instructors other than those regularly employed.

Board of
administration
—how consti-
tuted.

SEC. 3. That the president and secretary of the board of regents of the University of Minnesota, the president and secretary of the State Farmer's Alliance, the president and secretary of the State Dairymen's Association, the president and secretary of the State Agricultural Society, and the president of the Horticultural Society of this state, are hereby constituted a board of administration to superintend the execution of this act, and they are hereby empowered, by a majority vote thereof to appoint some suitable and competent person as state superintendent of farmer's institutes, who upon filing his acceptance with them, shall be authorized to receive applications for the holding of farmer's institutes in the several agricultural counties of the state; to appoint such institutes as shall appear advisable; to engage instructors and make proper announcements; and to prepare a program of exercises and superintend the holding of such institutes, under the general direction of said board of administration; also to receive, examine and report upon all bills for expenses or services that are payable from said appropriation, and at the end of each fiscal year to make a detailed report of all farmer's institutes held under his direction as such superintendent, to said board of administration.

State superin-
tendent.

Report.

SEC. 4. That the expense of such institutes, together with the salary of said superintendent, which is hereby fixed at one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) per year, and the necessary expenses of his superintendence, shall be paid out of said institute fund, by the state treasurer, upon warrants issued by the state auditor, which warrants shall only be drawn upon the presentation and filing of an itemized statement of expenditures, the accounts of which must be sworn to by the parties claiming compensation, and approved by the said superintendent and by the officers of said board of regents.

Expenses—
how paid.

SEC. 5. That in the appointment of such farmer's institutes they shall be held, so far as possible, at times and in places that shall be most convenient to the farmers of the state; that they shall continue for not less than one (1), nor more than three (3) days each, with morning, afternoon, and, where practicable, evening sessions, and that they shall be free to the public; also, that they shall consist of practical lectures upon topics pertaining to the farm and home, with essays, addresses, discussions and illustrations of such methods and practices as possess true merit and are adapted to the conditions of our agriculture; the sole object and purpose of these institutes being to disseminate practical knowledge upon questions pertaining to agriculture, horticulture, stock and dairy farming, with the least expense or inconvenience to the people of the state.

Institutes,
when held,
how conducted

SEC. 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

When act to
take effect.

Approved March 2d, 1887.

CHAPTER 262.

[H. F. No. 196.]

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE MONEY FOR THE PURPOSE OF
GIVING RELIEF TO PERSONS WHO LOST THEIR CROPS
BY HAIL.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

SECTION 1. That the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated for the purpose of giving aid to the persons who lost their crops by hail during the summer of one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six (1886), in the counties of Marshall, Polk, Swift, Norman, Chippewa, Lac Qui Parle, Big Stone and Renville.

Appropriation.