

Sec. 12. Effective July 1, 1923.—This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 1923.

Approved April 21, 1923.

CHAPTER 423—S. F. No. 185.

An act relating to county co-operative extension work in agriculture and home economics, authorizing counties to appropriate funds therefor, providing for the distribution of moneys appropriated by the state and counties therefor, authorizing the formation of county farm bureau associations and county co-operative extension committees to co-operate in such work, and repealing Chapter 427, Laws 1919, and Chapter 300, Laws 1921.

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

Section 1. Purposes of act.—The purpose of this act is to co-ordinate the work of the Federal government, the state, the several counties of the state, and the division of agricultural extension of the University of Minnesota in the maintenance of county co-operative extension work in agriculture and home economics.

Sec. 2. County board to incur expenses.—The county commissioners of the several counties of this state are hereby authorized and empowered to incur expenses and to expend money for county co-operative extension work in agriculture and home economics as hereinafter provided.

Sec. 3. One corporation in each county authorized.—The formation of one corporation in each county in this state to be known as the county farm bureau association, the objects of which shall be to improve the science, art and business of agriculture and home economics, is hereby authorized. The incorporation of said association shall be accomplished by the filing of a certificate of incorporation in the usual form for record with the register of deeds of the proper county. The county farm bureau association shall be accepted as a co-operating agency in the promotion of county co-operation extension work and it shall be entitled to the privileges hereinafter provided when said organization has a membership equal to one-third of the number of farmers in the county as determined by the last official State or Federal census, provided that in no case shall more than 200 members be required, has among its objects the promotion of the purposes of this act as hereinbefore stated, has on deposit in local banks not less than \$200 available for use by such association in maintaining its organization and work, satisfactory proof of which shall be furnished annually to the dean of the department of agriculture of the University of Minnesota, and has elected a county farm bureau executive committee from

among its members consisting of a president, vice-president, secretary-treasurer and other members as provided by the by-laws of the County Farm Bureau Association. For the purposes of this act a farmer shall be defined as a person who operates or directs the operation of a farm.

Sec. 4. Appropriations to be expended by corporations.—

All moneys hereafter appropriated by the state for the purpose of aiding in the maintenance and expenses of county co-operative extension work in agriculture and home economics shall be expended under the direction of the dean of the department of agriculture of the University of Minnesota, who, acting with the executive committee of the county farm bureau association, is hereby empowered to carry out the provisions of this act.

Sec. 5. County budget committee.—There shall be provided in each county having a county farm bureau association a budget committee to be known as the county co-operative extension committee consisting of seven members of whom two shall be members of the board of county commissioners, including the chairman and one other selected by said board, the county auditor; the president, vice-president, and secretary of the county farm bureau association and one additional member selected by the county farm bureau executive committee. The county co-operative extension committee each year on or before the second Monday of July shall prepare a budget showing the total funds available and needed and shall recommend by resolution the amount of county funds necessary for the maintenance, support and expenses of county co-operative extension work in agriculture and home economics during the following year, which shall not be less than \$1500 and shall not exceed \$5000 except that in counties having a total area of 150 or more full or fractional congressional townships the sum shall not exceed \$25,000, and a copy of such budget and resolution shall be presented by the county auditor to the board of county commissioners. It shall be the duty of the board of county commissioners at its regular meeting in July or January as the case may be, to consider the recommended county share of money necessary for the maintenance, support and expenses of county co-operative extension work in agriculture and home economics during the following year. For said purposes the board of county commissioners may appropriate annually not less than \$1500 and not to exceed the specified limits hereinbefore provided and may include the same in the annual levy of County taxes. The amount so set aside shall be appropriated from the general revenue fund of the county except that in counties where the general revenue fund is exhausted, the board of county commissioners shall make a special levy for county co-operative extension purposes. The amount of money so set

aside and appropriated by the board of county commissioners for any county for said purposes, shall constitute a fund to be known as the "county co-operative extension fund" which shall be paid out by orders of the dean of the department of agriculture of the University of Minnesota for salaries of the agents employed, their employees, and other expenses incident to the work of such agents in improving agriculture and home economics and improving and bettering the marketing of farm products within the appropriation available, provided that no order for the application of said funds for the purposes named shall be issued until the expenditure shall have been audited and signed by the county auditor and the secretary of the county farm bureau association. In the event there is an unexpended balance of the "county co-operative extension fund" at the end of any year, said balance shall be carried over or re-appropriated within the limits of the appropriation hereinbefore specified.

Sec. 6. **Executive committee to formulate program.**—The executive committee of the county farm bureau association shall annually formulate a program of work in agriculture and home economics in co-operation with the agricultural extension division of the University of Minnesota, and the U. S. Department of Agriculture. For the purpose of putting this program into operation it shall be the duty of the executive committee of the County Farm Bureau Association, and the County Co-operative extension committee, acting with the dean of the Department of Agriculture of the University of Minnesota or his delegated representative to engage a suitable and qualified person or persons for such work to be known as "county agents." No agent shall be continued in any county whose services prove unsatisfactory to the executive committee of the county farm bureau association and the County Co-operative Extension Committee.

Sec. 7. **Duties of committee.**—The duties of the members of the County Co-operative Extension Committee, in addition to those hereinbefore specified, shall be to encourage the co-operation of all individuals and organizations to make profitable use of co-operative extension activities, and shall elect its own chairman and vice-chairman, who shall serve for one year. The county agent shall give aid and advice to all residents of the county, when called upon when the object is to improve the science, art and business of agriculture and home economics. The county auditor shall act as secretary of such county co-operative extension committee, and keep a record of all its proceedings, and shall forward copies of all resolutions appropriating funds by the county commissioners to the Dean of the Department of Agriculture of the University of Minnesota. The

members of the County Co-operative Extension Committee shall serve without pay, except those members who are also members of the board of county commissioners who may be entitled to such compensation and paid in like manner as for committee services as county commissioners.

Sec. 8. **Laws repealed.**—Chapter 427, Laws 1919 and Chapter 300, Laws 1921, hereby are repealed.

Sec. 9. **Application.**—This act shall take effect and be in force from and after June 30, 1923, provided that appropriations made by the counties now in effect under chapter 300, Laws 1921, shall not be cancelled, but shall be used in like manner until said funds are exhausted.

Approved April 21, 1923.

CHAPTER 424—S. F. No. 190.

An act fixing the salary of county treasurers in counties of this state having eighty-five (85) or more full and fractional congressional townships and having an assessed valuation of not less than six (6) million dollars nor more than twelve (12) million dollars.

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

Section 1. **Salaries of county treasurer in certain counties.**—In each county of this state containing eighty-five (85) or more full and fractional congressional townships of land, and having an assessed valuation of not less than six (6) million dollars (\$6,000,000.00), nor more than twelve (12) million dollars (\$12,000,000.00), the county treasurer shall receive the annual salary of twenty-five (25) hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) per year to be paid in the manner provided by the laws of this state relating to the payment of salaries allowed county treasurer.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in effect from and after its passage.

Approved April 21, 1923.

CHAPTER 425—S. F. No. 191.

An act fixing the amount to be allowed for clerk hire in the office of county treasurers, in counties of this state containing eighty-five (85) or more congressional full and fractional townships of land and having an assessed valuation of not less than six million nor more than twelve million dollars.

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

Section 1. **Clerk hire of county treasurers of certain counties.**—In each county of this state containing eighty-five (85) or more congressional full and fractional townships of land and