

Assembly Bill – 110

Introduced by Mr. Tidd
February 25, 1919

An Act

TO PROVIDE FOR COOPERATIVE AGRICULTURAL AND HOME ECONOMICS EXTENSION WORK IN THE SEVERAL COUNTIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SMITH-LEVER ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED MAY 8, 1914; PROVIDING FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF COUNTY FARM BUREAUS; FOR COUNTY AND STATE COOPERATION IN SUPPORT OF SUCH WORK; MAKING AN ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS THEREFOR, LEVYING A TAX AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly do enact as follows:

Section 1. That in order to aid in diffusing among the people of the State of Nevada useful and practical information on subjects relating to agriculture, home economics and rural welfare and to encourage the application of the same, there may be inaugurated in each of the several counties of the state extension work which shall be carried on in cooperation with the agricultural extension division, University of Nevada, established under the provisions of the Smith-Lever act of Congress, approved May 8, 1914, in such manner as may be mutually agreed upon by the board of directors of the county farm bureau provided for in section two of this act, and the director of agricultural extension.

Sec. 2. That for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act there may be organized in each county within the State of Nevada a corporation to be known as the county farm bureau, in the following manner: Whenever one hundred and fifty or more adult residents in any county, at least two-thirds of who shall be certified as engaged in agriculture as owners, lessees, operators or managers of farm property or live stock, or as farm housewives, shall have effected temporary organization for doing extension work in agriculture and home economics, and shall have adopted articles of incorporation acceptable to the director of agricultural extension, they may make application to the secretary of state for incorporation under the laws of Nevada as a corporation not for profit, and then such corporation shall have been effected it shall be known as the _____ county farm bureau and shall be recognized as the official body within said county for carrying on extension work in agriculture and home economics in cooperation with said agricultural extension division; provided, that in any county wherein the total number of farms is less than one hundred as certified by the county assessor, it shall be sufficient for the purposes of this act if the number of persons required to be certified as engaged in agriculture as aforesaid shall be ten percent greater than such total number of farms; provided further, that not more than one such bureau shall be incorporated in any county.

Sec. 3. The board of directors of the county farm bureau and the director of agricultural extension shall prepare an annual financial budget covering the county's share of the cost of carrying on the cooperative extension work in agriculture and home economics provided for in this act, together with the share of each of all other cooperating agencies, provided that the county's share shall not exceed a sum equal to the proceeds of one cent of the county tax rate, which, if adopted by a majority vote of said bureau at a regularly called meeting, shall be filed with the board of county commissioners of such county, which said board shall include the county's share thereof in the budget of county expenditures for such year and shall annually, at the time of levying taxes for county purposes, levy a county tax, at a rate not exceeding

one cent on each hundred dollars of taxable property, to provide such fund. The proceeds of such tax rate shall be placed in the county treasury in a fund to be known as the farm bureau fund and shall be subject to disbursement in accordance with such budget on certificates of the president and secretary of the county farm bureau approved by the board of county commissioners and paid in like manner as other county claims are paid.

Sec. 4. That for the purposes of state cooperation in the support of county agriculture and home economics extension work there is hereby annual appropriated out of any money in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated a sum equal to the total appropriations of the several counties for the support of county agricultural and home economics extension work as provided in section three of this act, but which shall not be greater in any year than the proceeds of one cent of the state tax rate, and which said sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be subject to disbursement in accordance with the state's share of the cost of cooperative agricultural and home economics extension work in each of the several counties as stated in the annual financial budget mentioned in section three of this act, and not exceeding in any county the amount of county funds so appropriated, on certificates of the president and secretary of such farm bureau and the board of regents, University of Nevada, approved by the state board of examiners, when the state controller shall draw his warrant and the state treasurer pay the same; provided, that a certificated copy of each such cooperative county budget shall be filed with the board of regents, the state board of examiners and the state controller within 10 days after date of filing with the board of county commissioners.

Sec. 5. Necessary modifications of any annual budget provided in section three of this act, involving county or state funds, due to leave of absence without pay, resignation, dismissal or employment of any cooperative agent or appointee, or to other causes, not involving increase in the total of expenditures provided from state or county funds, and consistent with the purposes of this act, may be made by filing with the board of county commissioners and the county auditor, when affecting county funds, and with the state board of examiners and the state controller when affecting state funds, a revised budget approved and certified to by the executive committee of the county farm bureau and the director of agricultural extension.

Sec. 6 It shall be the duty of each county farm bureau annually on or before January 1, to present its plans for extension work for the ensuing year and to render to both the agricultural extension division and the board of county commissioners a full and detailed report of its extension activities for the preceding fiscal year, including a detailed report of its receipts and expenditures from all sources on such forms as may be prescribed by the agricultural extension division; provided, that for the year 1919 any farm bureau duly organized as provided in section two of this act may submit its cooperative budget for such year to the board of county commissioners not later than the third Monday in March.

Sec. 7. Nothing in this act shall be construed as affecting any appropriations made in support of agricultural extension as a part of the public service division of the University of Nevada, in respect to the cost of administration, employment of state leaders and specialist and other purposes incident to state-wide and county supervision and cooperation in extension work.