

CHAPTER 202—S. F. No. 1236

[Coded in part]

An act relating to county 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, and authorizing the formation of county extension committees to cooperate in such work; amending Minnesota Statutes 1949, Sections 22.42, 22.43, 22.45, 22.47, 22.48, and Section 22.46 as amended.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 22.42, is amended to read :

22.42. **Purpose.** The purpose of *this act* is to coordinate 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 extension work in agriculture and home economics.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 22.43 is amended to read :

22.43 **County board, 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 extension work in agriculture and home economics *as hereinafter provided.*

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 22.45, is amended to read :

22.45 **Appropriations, how expended.** All moneys appropriated by the state for the purpose of aiding in the maintenance and expenses of county extension work in agriculture and home economics shall be expended under the direction of the dean of the *Institute of Agriculture of the University of Minnesota, or his delegated representative*, who, acting with the *county extension committee*, is hereby empowered to carry out the provisions of *this act.*

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 22.46, as amended by Laws 1951, Chapter 390, is amended to read :

22.46 **County extension committee.** There shall be provided in each county *an extension committee*, consisting of *nine* members, of whom two shall be members of the board of county commissioners, including the chairman and one other *member of the county board* selected by the board, the county auditor, and *six* additional *members five of whom shall be selected and appointed by the county board, one from each of*

the several commissioner's districts and the remaining sixth member of the county extension committee shall be selected and appointed at large from the county by the county board. If in any county at any time there be less than five county commissioner's districts, then the county board shall select and appoint at large from the county one or more members to the county extension committee, so that the full membership of the committee will be maintained. In any county where four county commissioner districts are wholly within a city of the first class the county board shall select and appoint five of the extension committee members whose residence shall be outside of the city of the first class. If at any time there be more than five county commissioner's districts, then the membership of the county extension committee in any such county shall be increased in number to provide representation for each commissioner's district on the county extension committee of that county. In 1954 two of the members of the county extension committee shall be appointed for a term expiring on the date of the annual meeting of the board of county commissioners in 1955, two for a term expiring on the date of the annual meeting of the board of county commissioners in 1956, and two for a term expiring on the date of the annual meeting of the board of county commissioners in 1957. In 1955 and each year thereafter, the board of county commissioners at their annual meeting shall select and appoint that number of the county extension committee as is required to fill the memberships on that committee expiring at that time. Only persons actively engaged in agriculture as their principal source of livelihood shall be eligible for appointment to or membership on the county extension committee. Not more than one member of the county extension committee shall be selected from or reside in a particular township, city, village or other municipality, but there shall always be at least two women members of the committee. The county 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 the county extension work in agriculture and home economics during the following year, which shall not be less than \$1,500, and shall not exceed \$7,500, except that in counties having two or more county extension agents, the sum shall not exceed \$15,000, and except further that in counties having a total area of 150 or more full or fractional congressional townships the sum shall not exceed \$45,000, and in such counties such amount may be levied over and above any tax limitation now existing, 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 extension work in agriculture and home economics during the following year. For these purposes the board of county commissioners may appropriate, annually, not less than \$1,500, 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 commisisoners shall make a special levy for county extension purposes. The amount of money so set aside and appropriated by the board of county commissioners for any county for these purposes shall constitute a fund to be known as the county extension fund, which shall be paid out by orders of the dean of the *Institute of Agriculture of the University of Minnesota, or his delegated representative*, 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. No order for the application of these 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 extension committee. In the event there is an unexpended balance of the county extension fund at the end of any year, this balance shall be carried over or reappropriated within the limits of the appropriation hereinbefore specified.

Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 22.47, is amended to read:

22.47 County extension committee, program. The *county extension* committee shall, annually, formulate a program of work in agriculture and home economics in cooperation of Minnesota and the United States Department of Agriculture. For the purpose of putting this program into operation it shall be the duty of the county extension committee, acting with the dean of the *Institute 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 with the agricultural extension division of the University as county extension agents. No *county extension* agent shall be continued in any county whose services prove unsatisfactory to the county extension committee.

Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 22.48, is amended to read:

22.48 County extension committee, duties. The duties of the members of the county 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 extension activities. It shall elect its own chairman and vice-chairman, who shall serve for one year. The county *extension* 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 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 *Institute* of Agriculture of the University of Minnesota. The members of the county 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 manners as for committee services as county commissioners.

Sec. 7. [22.441] County farm bureau associations continued. *All county farm bureau associations now organized and existing under Laws 1923, Chapter 423, Section 3, and acts amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto, shall continue to exist and operate thereunder, and nothing herein contained shall be construed to repeal or rescind any law or provision thereof under which said associations were organized and now operate.*

Sec. 8. *This act shall take effect and be in force from and after January 1, 1954, provided that appropriations now or hereafter made by the counties under Minnesota Statutes 1949, Sections 22.42 to 22.48 shall not be cancelled but shall be used in like manner until said funds are exhausted.*

Approved March 31, 1953.

CHAPTER 203—S. F. No. 1272

[Not Coded]

An act to authorize the board of supervisors of certain towns to issue and sell certificates of indebtedness in 1953, without a vote of electors, for road and bridge purposes in an amount not to exceed \$36,000, and providing for a tax levy to pay such certificates of indebtedness within the limitation of laws governing such towns.

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