

LEGISLATIVE BILL 60

Approved by the Governor June 5, 1985

Introduced by Pappas, 42; Rogers, 41

AN ACT relating to agriculture; to amend sections 2-2321 and 2-3622, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943; to change a restriction on the use of funds; and to repeal the original sections.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. That section 2-2321, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, be amended to read as follows:

2-2321. No funds collected by the board shall be expended directly or indirectly to promote or oppose any candidate for public office or to influence state legislation. The board shall not expend more than twenty-five per cent of its annual budget to influence federal legislation.

Sec. 2. That section 2-3622, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, be amended to read as follows:

2-3622. The duties and responsibilities of the board shall be prescribed in the authority for the corn program and to the extent applicable shall include the following:

(1) To develop and direct any corn development, utilization, and marketing program. Such program may include a program to make grants and enter into contracts for research, accumulation of data, and prototype development for the production of alcohol;

(2) To prepare and approve a budget consistent with limited receipts and the scope of the corn commodity program;

(3) To adopt and promulgate such rules and regulations as are necessary to enforce the provisions of sections 2-3601 to 2-3635 in accordance with Chapter 84, article 9;

(4) To procure and evaluate data and information necessary for the proper administration and operation of the corn commodity program;

(5) To employ personnel and contract for services which are necessary for the proper operation of the program;

(6) To establish a means whereby any grower of corn has the opportunity at least annually to offer his or her ideas and suggestions relative to board policy for the upcoming year;

(7) To authorize the expenditure of funds and contracting of expenditures to conduct proper activities

of the program;

(8) To bond the treasurer and such other persons necessary to insure adequate protection of funds;

(9) To keep minutes of its meetings, and other books and records which will clearly reflect all of the acts and transactions of the board, and to keep these records open to examination by any grower-participant during normal business hours;

(10) To prohibit any funds collected by the board from being expended directly or indirectly to promote or oppose any candidate for public office or to influence state legislation. The board shall not expend more than twenty-five per cent of its annual budget to influence federal legislation; and

(11) To make refunds for overpayment of fees according to rules and regulations adopted by the board.

Sec. 3. That original sections 2-2321 and 2-3622, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, are repealed.