

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1036

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Introduced by Committee on Agriculture and Recreation, Maurice A. Kremer, 34th District, Chairman; Willard H. Waldo, 31st District; Fred W. Carstens, 30th District; Rudolf C. Kokes, 41st District; Otho G. Kime, 43rd District

AN ACT to amend section 2-2104, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, relating to the Nebraska Rural Rehabilitation Corporation; to remove an inconsistency therein; to harmonize provisions thereof; to remove obsolete matter; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

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

Section 1. That section 2-2104, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, be amended to read as follows:

2-2104. The Director of Agriculture, on behalf of the State of Nebraska, is specifically authorized to agree that:

(1) The State of Nebraska and the Director of Agriculture as its agent will abide by the determinations and apportionments of the Secretary of Agriculture of the United States provided for in the federal act specified in section 2-2101 and the payments made by the Secretary of Agriculture pursuant thereto;

(2) The returned assets of the Nebraska Rural Rehabilitation Corporation and the income therefrom will be used only for such of the rural rehabilitation purposes permissible under the charter of the Nebraska Rural Rehabilitation Corporation as may from time to time be agreed upon by the Director of Agriculture of Nebraska and the Secretary of Agriculture of the United States; and

(3) ~~That the~~ The Nebraska Rural Rehabilitation Corporation funds shall may be distributed to public colleges, universities or vocational or technical schools exclusively owned and controlled by the State of Nebraska or a governmental subdivision thereof. The agreement may provide for the qualifications of recipients to be benefited by the funds and for the method of their selection, but nothing in this section shall be construed

to limit the director from agreeing to any other reasonable provisions in such agreement. For the administration of such a fund distribution program, the director shall appoint a State Advisory Committee to aid him in the selection of eligible applicants for financial aid from such funds. The state committee shall consist of a lay representative from each of the three Nebraska congressional districts and one lay representative selected at large in the state who shall be a rancher or a farmer, a representative of the University of Nebraska, a representative of the State Department of Education, a representative of the state teachers colleges, and the Nebraska director of the Farmers Home Administration. ~~The terms of office of the lay representatives--initially appointed--shall expire on July 1 of the years 1966, 1967, 1968, and 1969, as designated by the director--in making the respective appointments.~~ As the terms of the members expire, the director shall, on or before July 1 of each year, appoint or reappoint a lay member of the commission for a term of four years to succeed the member whose term expires. No more than two such members shall be from the same major political party. The state committee may enlist the aid of each county Farmers Home Administration committee, or any other governmental organization in the receipt of applications and in their transmittal to the state committee. Administrative costs for the distribution of these funds shall not exceed five per cent of the book value of the entire fund and the administrative costs may include clerical and administrative services, ~~transportation and~~ ten dollars per diem and the actual and necessary expenses for the state committee members for attendance at state committee meetings on the same basis and subject to the same conditions as full-time state employees.

The Director of Agriculture is further authorized and empowered, upon behalf of the State of Nebraska, to make such provisions as may be necessary to hold the United States and its Secretary of Agriculture free from liability by virtue of the transfer of the assets and income therefrom to him under sections 2-2101 to 2-2107.

Sec. 2. That original section 2-2104, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, is repealed.

Sec. 3. Since an emergency exists, this act shall be in full force and take effect, from and after its passage and approval, according to law.