

(D) THE COMMITTEE MAY COOPERATE WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN PROVIDING SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICTS WITH PERSONNEL, SPACE, AND OTHER ITEMS OR ASSISTANCE TO AID THE DISTRICT IN CARRYING OUT THE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS TITLE. THE COMMITTEE MAY ACCEPT FROM LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, FINANCIAL OR OTHER AID TO SUPPLEMENT STATE FUNDS ALLOCATED TO PROVIDE PERSONNEL, SPACE, AND OTHER ITEMS FOR SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICTS. THE COMMITTEE MAY SPEND PUBLIC FUNDS OF THE STATE, APPROPRIATED FOR ADMINISTRATION OF THIS TITLE, TO PAY THE STATE SHARE OF COSTS OF THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM AS MAY BE AGREED ON BY THE COMMITTEE AND THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT.

(E) THE DISTRICT CLERICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EMPLOYEES SUPPORTED BY STATE FUNDS ON JULY 1, ~~1977~~ 1978 UPON APPLICATION BY THE DISTRICT SHALL BECOME ELIGIBLE FOR APPOINTMENT UNDER THE STATE MERIT SYSTEM AS EMPLOYEES OF THE STATE SOIL CONSERVATION COMMITTEE TO BE ASSIGNED TO DISTRICTS AS PROVIDED UNDER ARTICLE 64A, SECTION 9. THE COMMITTEE MAY EMPLOY PART-TIME CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL FOR THESE POSITIONS IF FULL FUNDING IS NOT AVAILABLE FROM STATE OR LOCAL SOURCES, OR BOTH.

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(c) The Committee shall:

(1) Adopt a seal which shall be judicially noticed;

(2) Offer assistance to the supervisors of soil conservation districts;

(3) Keep the supervisors of each district informed of the activities and experience of the other districts and facilitate cooperation and interchange of advice and experience between the districts;

(4) Coordinate the programs of the several soil conservation districts by advising and consulting with the districts;

(5) Secure the cooperation and assistance of the United States, its agencies, and state agencies in the work of the districts;

(6) Disseminate information throughout the state concerning the activities and programs of the soil conservation districts and encourage the formation of districts in any areas where their organization is desirable;

(7) Grant to the districts either directly or through the counties funds made available to the committee for use by the districts in implementing the soil conservation program[.];