

#Agri-Research Investment Fund Act

****AN ACT**** to establish a fund administered by the State of Superior tasked with investing in agricultural research, sustainability, and genetically-modified crops.

Whereas, the State of Superior is responsible for the preservation and prosperity of our agricultural industry.

Whereas, with the effects of Climate Change and the soon drying of the Ogallala Aquifer, the State of Superior must take action to promote sustainable agriculture.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Superior, represented in the Senate

****Section I: Title****

(a) This bill may be cited as the “Agri-Research Investment Fund Act”.

****Section II: Definitions****

(a) “Sustainable agriculture” shall refer to farming which uses a minimum of water and carbon emissions to produce healthy crops in an acceptable yield.

(b) “Staple crops” shall refer to all commonly grown and sold crops within the State of Superior.

(c) “Genetically-modified crops” shall refer to all crops which have had their DNA modified via genetic engineering methods so that they may be used in sustainable agriculture.

****Section III: Agri-Research Investment Fund****

(a) On the books of the Superior State Treasury shall be placed the “Agri-Research Investment Fund”.

> i. This fund shall be under the management of the Superior Department of Agriculture.

>> i.i The Director of Agriculture shall be tasked with ensuring the fund fulfills its objectives, and they shall present a yearly report to the Superior Senate on the fund’s operations, progress, and future plans.

> ii. This fund shall provide grant funding to public colleges and universities, as well as vetted and responsible businesses, for the purposes of research into sustainable agriculture and genetically modified crops.

>> ii.i When entering into a contract with the Department of Agriculture to receive grant funding, businesses must agree that they will not patent any of the genetically modified crops they discover or the process by which they discovered them, allowing these crops and processes to enter the public domain.

>> ii.ii This fund shall focus its grants towards improving the agricultural sustainability of staple crops, and shall not pursue research into crops rarely grown in the State of Superior.

****Section IV: Funding****

(a) Five billion dollars shall be committed to the Agri-Research Investment Fund every Fiscal Year by the State of Superior.

****Section V: Enactment****

(a) This bill, including all sections and subsections found in it, shall come into effect at the start of the first Fiscal Year after it is signed into law.

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