

D. History of the Uniform State Seed Law

In 1915 the Association of Official Seed Analysts adopted a set of "Principles Proposed for Uniform State Seed Law." The American Seed Trade Association insisted that principles were of no use to legislatures and that the actual wording of the law should be proposed. In 1917 the Association of Official Seed Analysts adopted a Uniform State Seed Law as agreed upon by the Association of Official Seed Analysts, the American Seed Trade Association, and the Wholesale Grass Seed Dealer's Association. This suggested law was amended in 1920, 1921, and 1927.

In 1939 the National Association of Commissioners, Secretaries, and Directors of Agriculture by resolution requested the agency administering the Federal Seed Act to prepare a Suggested Uniform State Seed Law to submit to the States, and at the same time suggested adoption of such a Uniform State Seed Law by the States. In September 1940 the United States Department of Agriculture made available for distribution a Suggested Uniform State Seed Law patterned after that developed by the Association of Official Seed Analysts and the American Seed Trade Association but embodying features of the Federal Seed Act.

In 1949 the National Seed Control Officials adopted a resolution asking that a five-man committee be appointed to review and bring up to date the provisions of the "Suggested Uniform State Seed Law." In 1952 a New Suggested Uniform State Seed Law was adopted by the National Seed Control Officials; however, a resolution adopted at that meeting asked that the Legislative Committee of the National Seed Control Officials cooperate with the American Seed Trade Association, the Association of Official Seed Analysts, the International Crop Improvement Association, and the Weed Control Officials in considering the "Tentative Uniform Seed Law." In May and September 1954, meetings of a joint committee of these associations were held in Chicago, Illinois, and Lansing, Michigan, respectively. Differences which developed and could not be resolved were referred to a "Committee of Ten." In 1955 the American Association of Seed Control Officials adopted the Suggested Uniform State Seed Law as presented by its Legislative Committee but recommended that the cooperating committees and agencies make further studies toward improving the recommended Uniform State Seed Law. In 1957 the joint committee agreed on the final wording of the Suggested Uniform State Seed Law.

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