

CHAPTER 142.

AN ACT TO REORGANIZE THE STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY, AND TO APPROPRIATE MONEY THERETO, AND TO OTHER AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota.

State Agricultural Society—
how composed.

SECTION 1. That hereafter the State Agricultural Society shall be composed of the following members: The president, secretary, and treasurer, or three (3) delegates to be appointed by each of the county and district agricultural societies in this state; life members, who shall pay the sum of ten dollars (\$10) at one payment, and honorary life members, who, by reason of eminent services in agriculture, or in the arts and sciences connected therewith, or long and faithful services in the society, or benefits conferred on it, may by a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) vote [at] of any of its annual meetings, be elected as such. Nothing herein contained shall be construed as annulling any existing life or annual membership in the State Agricultural Society, and the president of each of the following societies as ex-officio members, namely: The State Horticultural Society, the State Amber Cane Society, the State Dairyman's Association, the State Forestry Association, the Southern Minnesota Fair Association, and, when they shall have filed their articles of incorporation with the Secretary of State, the State Wool Growers' Association, the State Poultry Association, the State Beekeepers' Association, and the president of any society within the state having for its object the promotion of any branch of agriculture, stock raising or improving, or mechanics relating to agriculture. *Provided*, that this shall apply only to such societies and associations as shall maintain an active existence and hold an annual fair, and have paid out as much for premiums as they receive from the state, and an annual membership of twenty-five (25) or more members; and provided further, that in the election of officers and upon any question pending at any meeting of said society, each of the persons above mentioned may vote in person or by proxy, provided the proxy is from the same county, provided they have first paid their annual dues of one dollar (\$1) each.

Annual meetings—when and where held—

SEC. 2. The annual meeting of the State Agricultural Society after the year eighteen hundred and eighty-three (1883), shall be held in the state house or such other place as may be selected by board of management in the city of St. Paul, on the fourth (4th) Tuesday in January of each year, at which time the following officers shall be elected, namely: a president, two (2) vice presidents, a secretary, a treasurer, and two (2) managers, that shall serve three (3) years each, and shall take the places of the two (2) executive committee as their terms expire under the existing organ-

ization, until the present executive board have all retired, after which they will succeed the two (2) managers as they retire, so that there shall be a board of six (6) managers serving three (3) years each, two (2) to be elected each year.

SEC. 3. The Governor of the State of Minnesota, ex-officio, and three (3) members from the state at large, to be appointed by the Governor and approved by the senate as his other appointments are approved, shall constitute a board of auditors to examine all the transactions of the State Agricultural Society, and report to the legislature at each session.

Board of Auditors.

SEC. 4. The president and board of managers shall control the affairs of the State Agricultural Society, and shall make by-laws for its government, which shall be submitted to the board of auditors, and if approved by them shall be law regulating its transactions.

President and board of managers to control.

SEC. 5. That the sum of four thousand dollars (\$4,000) be annually appropriated out of any moneys in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated, to aid the State Agricultural Society in paying premiums. The said sum shall be paid by the state treasurer on the order of the president and secretary of the State Agricultural Society.

Appropriations.

SEC. 6. That the sum of six thousand dollars (\$6,000) be annually appropriated out of any moneys in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated, to county agricultural societies and joint stock societies holding agricultural fairs, pro rata, and to be paid out in premiums at the fairs of such societies. Provided, that such moneys shall be paid only to such societies as shall have complied with the proviso in section one (1). Said moneys shall be paid to such county agricultural and joint stock societies upon the order of the president and secretaries thereof respectively, upon the filing with the State Auditor a sworn statement showing the holding of their fairs aforesaid, and payment of as much for premiums as they receive from the state according to the provisions of this act; and the secretary of the State Agricultural Society shall, on or before the tenth (10th) day of April in each year, certify to the State Auditor a list of all county agricultural and joint stock societies that have complied with section one (1) of this act.

SEC. 7. Chapter nineteen (19) of the General Laws of one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight (1868), and all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of of this act, is hereby repealed.

SEC. 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 5, 1883.