

CHAPTER 69—H. F. No. 526

An act relating to county agricultural societies and amending Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 38.02, Subdivision 1, as amended.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 38.02, Subdivision 1, as amended by Laws 1947, Chapter 493, Section 1; Laws 1949, Chapter 508, Section 1; Laws 1951, Chapter 446, Section 1, is amended to read :

38.02 Aid, distribution. Subdivision 1. Schedule.

(1) All sums hereafter appropriated to aid county and district agricultural societies and associations shall be distributed to the following named agricultural societies or associations: Aitkin County Agricultural Society, Anoka County Agricultural Society, The Becker County Agricultural Society and Fair Association, Beltrami County Agricultural Association, The Benton County Agricultural Society, Big Stone County Agricultural Society, Blue Earth County Agricultural Association, Mankato Fair and Blue Earth County Agricultural Association, Brown County Agricultural Society, The Carlton County Agricultural and Industrial Association, Carver County Agricultural Society of Waconia, Cass County Agricultural Association, Dakota County Agricultural Society, The Dodge County Fair Association, The Chisago County Agricultural Society, Clay County Fair and Agricultural Association of Barnesville, Clay County, Minnesota, Clearwater County Agricultural Society, Cook County Agricultural Society, Cottonwood County Agricultural Society, Crow Wing County Fair Association, Dakota County Agrecultural Society, The Dodge County Agricultural and Mechanical Society, Douglas County Agricultural Association, Faribault County Agricultural Society, Fillmore County Agricultural Society, Freeborn County Agricultural Society, Goodhue County Agricultural Society and Mechanic Institute, Cannon Valley Fair Association, Grant County Agricultural Association, Hennepin County Agricultural Society, Houston County Agricultural Society, Hubbard County Agricultural Association, Shell Prairie Agricultural Association, The Isanti County Agricultural Society, Itasca County Agricultural Association, The Fair Association of Jackson County, Minnesota, Kanabec County Agricultural Society, Kandiyohi County Fair Association, Kittson County Agricultural Society, The St. Vincent Union Industrial Association, Koochiching County Agricultural Association, Northern Minnesota District Fair Association, Lac qui Parle County Agricultural Society, Lake of the Woods County Fair Association, Lake County Agricultural Society, The Le Sueur County

Fair Association, The Lincoln County Agricultural Society and County Fair Association, Lyon County Agricultural Society, McLeod County Agricultural Association, Mahnomen County Agricultural Society, Marshall County Agricultural Association, Martin County Agricultural Society, Meeker County Agricultural Society, The Mille Lacs County Agricultural Society, Morrison County Agricultural Association, The Morrison County Agricultural Society, Mower County Agricultural Society, The Murray County Agricultural Society, Nicollet County Agricultural Society, Nobles County Fair Association, The Agricultural Society of Norman County, Minnesota, Olmsted County Agricultural Association, Otter Tail County Agricultural Society and Fair Association, Perham Agricultural Society, The Pennington County Agricultural Society, Incorporated, Pine County Agricultural Society, Pipestone County Agricultural Society, The Polk County Agricultural Fair Association, Northwestern Minnesota Agricultural Association, Pope County Agricultural Society, Ramsey County Agricultural Society, Red Lake County Agricultural Society, Redwood County Agricultural Society, The Renville County Agricultural Society, Rice County Agricultural Society, Agricultural Society of Rock County, The Roseau County Agricultural Society, The Saint Louis County Agricultural Fair Association, *South St. Louis County Fair Association*, Scott County Agricultural Society, Scott County Good Seed Association, The Sherburne County Agricultural Society, Sibley County Agricultural Association, Agricultural Society of Stearns County, Steel County Agricultural Society, Stevens County Agricultural Society, Swift County Fair Association, Todd County Agricultural Society, Traverse County Agricultural Association, The Wabasha County Agricultural Fair Association, Wadena County Agricultural Society, Waseca County Agricultural Society, Washington County Agricultural Society, Watonwan County Agricultural Society, Wilkin County Agricultural Society, Winona County Agricultural and Industrial Association, Wright County Agricultural Fair Association, The Yellow Medicine County Fair Association, pro rata, upon condition that each of them has complied with the conditions specified in *clause (2)*.

(2) To be eligible to participate in such distribution, each such agricultural society or association (1) shall have held an annual fair for each of the three years last past, *unless prevented from doing so because of a calamity or an epidemic declared by the local or state board of health to exist*; (2) shall have an annual membership of 25 or more; (3) shall have paid out to exhibitors for premiums awarded at the last fair held a sum not less than the amount to be received from the state; (4) shall have published and distributed not less than three

weeks before the opening day of the fair a premium list, listing all items or articles on which premiums are offered and the amounts of such premiums and shall have paid premiums pursuant to the amount shown for each article or item to be exhibited; provided that premiums for school exhibits may be advertised in the published premium list by reference to a school premium list prepared and circulated during the preceding school year; and shall have collected all fees charged for entering an exhibit at the time the entry was made and in accordance with schedule of entry fees to be charged as published in the premium list; (5) shall have paid not more than one premium on each article or item exhibited, excluding championship or sweepstake awards, and excluding the payment of open class premium awards to 4 H Club exhibits which at this same fair had won a first prize award in regular 4 H Club competition; (6) shall have submitted its records and annual report to the public examiner on a form provided by the state auditor, on or before the first day of November of the current year.

(3) All payments authorized under the provisions of this chapter shall be made only upon the filing by the public examiner with the state auditor of a certificate of examination, in which the public examiner shall certify that he has caused an examination to be made of the records and accounts of the agricultural society or association making application for state aid and that it has in every respect complied with the requirements of this chapter. The certificate shall also state the total amount of premiums paid by the society or an association after excluding therefrom the payments made for horse races, ball games, and amusement features of any nature. Upon receipt of the certificate of examination by the public examiner, it shall be the duty of the state auditor to draw his voucher in favor of the agricultural society or association for the amount to which it is entitled under the provisions of this chapter, which amount shall be computed as follows: On the first \$750 premiums paid by each society or association, such society or association shall receive 100 percent reimbursement; on the second \$750 premiums paid, 80 percent; on the third \$750 premiums paid 60 percent; and on any sum in excess of \$2,250, 40 percent. As used herein the term premium shall mean the actual amount paid to an exhibitor by such society or association as an award for the merit of an entry exhibited by him at the annual fair.

(4) If the total amount of state aid to which the agricultural societies and associations are entitled under the provisions of this chapter exceeds the amount of the appropriation therefor, the amounts to which the societies or associations are entitled shall be pro rated so that the total payments by the

state will not exceed the appropriation.

Approved February 27, 1953.

CHAPTER 70—H. F. No. 828

An act relating to powers of town meetings, granting power to lease real or personal property belonging to town; amending Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 365.10.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 365.10, is amended to read:

365.10 Town meetings, powers. The electors of each town have power, at their annual town meeting:

(1) To determine the location of pounds, and number of poundmasters, and to discontinue any such pounds;

(2) To select town officers as are to be chosen;

(3) To direct the institution and defense of all actions in which the town is a party or interested; to employ necessary agents and attorneys for the prosecution or defense of the same, and to raise such sums of money for that purpose as they deem necessary;

(4) To make such lawful orders and by-laws as they deem proper for restraining horses, cattle, sheep, swine, and other domestic animals from going at large on the highways, and provide for impounding such animals so going at large;

(5) To fix penalties for violations of any order or by-law made by such town, except such as relate to the keeping and maintaining of fences;

(6) To vote money for the repair and construction of roads and bridges, and determine the amount thereof to be assessed as labor tax, and to vote such sums as they deem expedient for other town expenses, including the construction and maintenance of docks and breakwaters;

(7) When they deem it for the interest of the town to direct that a specified amount of the poll and road tax be expended, under the direction of their town board, on the roads of an adjoining town;

(8) To authorize the town board to sell and convey *or lease* any real estate or personal property belonging to the