

## CHAPTER 181.

[H. F. No. 293.]

## AN ACT TO REORGANIZE THE STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY AND CONFER POLICE POWERS UPON THE BOARD.

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

State agricul-  
tural society—  
of whom  
composed.

SECTION 1. That hereafter the State Agricultural Society shall be composed of the following members: *First:* Three (3) delegates to be chosen and appointed by each of the county and district agricultural societies in this state, and in case any such society shall fail or neglect to choose and appoint such delegates then and in that event, the president, secretary and treasurer of such society shall, by virtue of their office, be members of the State Agricultural Society.

*Second*—Honorary life-members who, by reason of eminent services in agriculture, or in the arts and sciences connected therewith, or of long and faithful services in the society, or of benefits conferred upon it, may, by a two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) vote at any of its annual meetings, be elected as such.

*Third*—The president *ex-officio* of the following societies and associations: The State Horticultural Society, The State Amber Cane Society, The State Dairymen's Association, The State Forestry Association, The Southern Minnesota Fair Association, The State Poultry Association, The State Bee-Keepers Association, and the president and secretary of the State Farmers' Alliance.

*Fourth*—The president of any state society or association 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 all such societies and associations shall maintain an active existence and hold annual fair, and shall have paid out as much for premiums as they receive from the state, and have an annual membership of twenty-five (25) or more members, and *provided further*, that in the election of officers, and upon all questions pending at any meeting of said State Agricultural Society each of the persons above mentioned, except life members, upon the payment of one (1) dollar, may vote in person or by proxy, *provided* such proxy is from the same county.

Board of  
managers.

SEC. 2. The board of managers of the State Agricultural Society shall consist of six (6) members, who shall be chosen at the annual meeting thereof as hereinafter provided.

SEC. 3. The annual meeting of the State Agricultural Society shall be held in the state house, or such other place in the city of Saint Paul as may be selected by the board of managers, on the second (2d) Tuesday in January of each year, at which time the following officers shall be elected: namely, a president, two (2) vice-presidents, and two (2) managers, which said managers shall serve three (3) years each, and shall take the places of the present managers as their respective terms of office expire, so that two (2) members shall be chosen each year, and each member shall hold his office three (3) years, and the board consist of six (6) members.

Annual meeting.

SEC. 4. The governor of the state of Minnesota, *ex-officio*, and three (3) members from the state at large, who shall, after the passage of this act, be appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the senate, shall constitute a board of auditors, who shall examine all transactions of the State Agricultural Society, and report to the legislature at each session.

Board of auditors.

SEC. 5. The president, vice-president, and board of managers shall, on the third (3d) Tuesday in January of each year elect a secretary and treasurer of said society, who shall each hold his office for the term of one (1) year, and until his successor is elected and qualified.

Secretary and treasurer

SEC. 6. The secretary shall be required to make an annual report to the governor, before the tenth (10th) day of December in each year, showing in detail the proceedings of the society for the current year, and such other information as shall be of interest to the public; also showing the financial condition of the society, which report shall be submitted to the governor of the state, and printed annually in like manner as other reports of state officers.

Duties of secretary

SEC. 7. The president, vice-presidents, and board of managers shall control the affairs of the State Agricultural Society, any five (5) of whom shall constitute a quorum, and shall make by-laws for its government, which shall be submitted to the board of auditors, and if approved by them shall be the law regulating its transactions.

Management.

SEC. 8. The president of the society shall have authority to select and appoint, at or before the time of holding its annual fair, as many persons to act as special police-officers, as may, in his judgment, be necessary to secure peace and good order on and about the premises where such fair is held, for and during the time of holding the same, which said appointment shall be made and evidenced by a written certificate thereof, dated and signed by the president of such society in his official capacity.

Duties of President.

Such police officers shall, before entering upon the discharge of the duties of their office, take and subscribe the usual oath of office before some officer authorized to admin-

Police.

ister oaths; said oath of office to be endorsed on such certificate of appointment.

Powers of  
police.

The police officers so appointed and qualified as aforesaid shall each have and exercise, during the time stated in their respective certificates of appointment, all the power and authority of constables at common law, and shall have, in addition thereto, full power and authority to arrest, without warrant, any and all persons found violating, on or about the grounds or premises of said society, any law of the state of Minnesota, and summarily remove the person or persons and property of such offenders from the grounds and premises of such society, and take such offenders before any court of competent jurisdiction to be dealt with according to law, and shall also have power and authority to expel from the grounds and premises of said society, any and all persons who refuse to obey or conform to any by-law of said society, and may also summarily remove therefrom the property and effects of all such persons.

SEC. 9. The president, vice-presidents, and members of the board of managers shall each have, by virtue of his office, the same power to make arrests and remove the persons and property of offenders, that is conferred upon special police officers by the next preceding section.

Badge.

SEC. 10. The president, vice-presidents, members of the board of managers and police officers aforesaid shall each wear some appropriate badge of office while acting in their official capacity as such officers.

Inconsistent  
acts repealed.

SEC. 11. Sections one (1), two (2), three (3), and four (4), of chapter one hundred and forty-two (142) of the general laws of one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three (1883), and all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

When act to  
take effect.

SEC. 12. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 3, 1887.