

CHAPTER 138—H. F. No. 159.

An act to amend Section 6516 of the General Statutes of Minnesota, 1913, as amended by Chapter 243, Laws 1915, relating to state aid to agricultural societies and associations.

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

Section 1. **Agricultural societies entitled to state aid.**—That section 6516 of the General Statutes of Minnesota, 1913, as amended by chapter 243, Laws 1915, relating to state aid to agricultural societies and associations be amended so as to read as follows:

6516. All sums hereafter appropriated to aid county and district agricultural societies or associations, shall be distributed equally to the senior active county agricultural society or association in each county, except where there be two of the same age, in which case the portion due such county shall be divided pro rata between them according to the premium paid, and to the Northwestern Minnesota Fair Association, the Mankato Fair and Blue Earth County Agricultural Association, Morrison County Co-operative Agricultural Society, the Faribault Agricultural and Fair Association, the Park Region Agricultural Association, the Farmers' Co-operative Agricultural Society of Waconia, Traverse County Agricultural Association of Wheaton, and the Tri-County Fair Association of Winona, the Hubbard County Agricultural Association, the Cannon Valley Agricultural Association and the Scott County Good Seed Association, when not receiving specific state appropriations, pro-rata, to be paid out in premiums at the fairs of only such society or association as have an annual membership of twenty-five or more, maintain an active existence, hold annual fairs on enclosed grounds owned or leased by such societies and associations, to which a fixed charge of admission is made; provided, that they shall have paid out in premiums to exhibitors during the year as much as they received from the state, and provided further that no such county or district agricultural society shall receive in any year from the state, for the purpose of reimbursing it for the amount of premiums paid at its fairs, a sum in excess of fifteen hundred (\$1,500.00) dollars. All payments made hereunder shall be made on or before December 20th of the year in which the fair is held, upon the filing with the state auditor on or before December 1st of each year a sworn statement showing the holding of annual fairs and the payment in premiums of the amounts claimed from the state, or that such society or association has advertised an annual fair, and has been prevented for good cause from holding the same, and has incurred expense in such advertising and preparation for the sum equal to the amount claimed from the state. District agricultural societies embracing two or more counties, not having county agricultural societies, shall be entitled to share in such pro-rate distribution, subject to the same conditions as county agricultural societies. Any county

or district agricultural society which may have held its second annual fair shall be entitled to share, pro-rata; in such distribution. The state auditor shall certify to the secretary of the state agricultural society on or before January 5th of each year, a list of all county and district agricultural societies that have complied with this act, and which are entitled to share in such appropriation. All payments hereunder shall be made on or before December 20th of the year in which the fair is held; provided, however, that in determining the amount to be paid to any society or association under this section, the state auditor shall exclude all payments made by such society or association as premiums or purses for or in horse races, ball games and amusement features of any nature.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 29, 1919.

CHAPTER 139—H. F. No. 255.

An act to amend Subdivision 8 of Section 696, General Statutes, 1913, as amended by Chapter 347, Laws 1917, relating to appropriations by the county board to agricultural societies and farm improvement associations.

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

Section 1. \$1,000 appropriation by county boards to county agricultural societies authorized.—That subdivision 8, section 696, General Statutes, 1913, as amended by chapter 347, Laws 1917, be and the same hereby is amended to read as follows:

8. To appropriate to any county agricultural society of its county, which is a member of the state agricultural society, or to any farm improvement association organized by the citizens of two or more counties jointly for the purpose of advancing the agricultural interest of each of such counties, a sum of money not exceeding *one thousand dollars* each, annually, provided, that in any county in which two county agricultural societies are members of the state agricultural society any appropriation so made shall be divided equally between them.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 29, 1919.

CHAPTER 140—H. F. No. 266.

An act authorizing the abatement of penalties, interest and costs which have accrued, or may hereafter accrue, on taxes levied on lands owned by persons who have served in the army, navy or marine corps of the United States during the present war.

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

Section 1. Abatement of penalties, interest and costs authorized for service in army, etc.—During the period of two years