

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