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CHAPTER 233.

AN ACT to amend section 1463, of Sanborn and Berryman's statutes of Wisconsin, relating to agricultural societies.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

Appropriation to agricultural societies. Conditions upon which the money may be paid.

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Section 1463. of Sanborn and SECTION 1. Berryman's statutes of Wisconsin, is hereby amended by striking out in the thirteenth line of said section the words "five hundred" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "one thousand," so that said section, when so amended, shall read as follows: Section 1463. There shall be paid annually, within ten days after the first day of February, out of the state treasury, to each organized agricultural society and industrial association, other than state agricultural society, which shall have substantially complied with the conditions hereinafter named, forty per cent. of the total amount of premiums paid by such society during the preceding year; provided, that no agricultural society or industrial association having received from the state for the year 1888, the sum of two hundred dollars and ten per cent. on the amount paid for premiums, shall receive less than two hundred dollars; provided, that percentage shall not be paid on more than three thousand dollars in premiums to one association; and provided further, that in computing the amount on which such percentage is to be paid as aforesaid, there shall not be included more than one thousand dollars of premiums paid for trials or exhibitions of speed of all classes in any one year.

First. It shall have held an annual fair or exhibition during the previous year.

Second. Shall present to the secretary of state a sworn statement of the president and secretary that said society, at its annual fair held during the year for which its appropriation was made, had prohibited and excluded from its fair grounds and all adjacent lands under its authority, all gambling devices whatsoever.

Third. Shall have received into its treasury in cash during the preceding year not less than two hundred dollars from the sale of memberships, admission tickets, subscriptions and other sources than from the state.

Fourth. Shall have, by its executive committee or secretary, made and published in some newspaper in the county a condensed statement of its principal acts and doings for the year, setting forth a list of its officers, its principal meetings, a report of its fair, showing the number of its entries, the amount of money received, the amount paid for premiums and for other purposes, and a full statement of the entire receipts and disbursements of the society for the year, showing whence all sums were received. and to whom paid, such report to be verified by the oath of the secretary; and one certified copy thereof, shall be deposited with the secretary of state, and one with the secretary of the state agricultural society, on or before the first day of February in each year. Such sum of money shall be paid to, or on order of the treasurer of the society, and only upon the receipt of the proper treasurer of each society entitled thereto, countersigned by the secretary thereof.

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

Approved April 15, 1895.