

SEC. 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication.

Approved March 31, 1856.

CHAPTER 74.

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An Act for the encouragement and promotion of Agriculture.

The People of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. It shall be lawful for any number of persons in any county in this state, to associate together and form a county society, to encourage and promote agriculture, domestic manufactures and the mechanic arts therein, and any such society, when organized according to the provisions of this act, shall have all the power of a corporation or body politic, and may sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, prosecute and defend to final judgment and execution, in any court of law or equity; and may purchase and hold all the real and personal estate which shall be necessary to best promote the object of such association, and which estate shall be exclusively devoted to such object. To form agricultural societies.

SEC. 2. Such societies shall be formed by written articles of association, subscribed by the members thereof, specifying the objects of the society, and the conditions on which subscribers shall become members thereof, and the first meeting shall be notified and held in the manner prescribed in the articles of association. They may adopt a corporate name, either in the original articles of association, or by vote at the first meeting thereof, in which such society shall be organized, and may at any meeting adopt a corporate seal and alter the same at pleasure. Societies—how formed.

SEC. 3. Such societies, not exceeding one in each county, shall be organized by appointing a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer, and such other officers as they may deem proper, to be chosen annually, and to hold their places until others are appointed. Officers.

When formed may adopt by-laws, &c. SEC. 4. When any such societies are organized as aforesaid, they shall have power to adopt all such by-laws, rules and regulations as they shall judge necessary and expedient to promote the objects thereof, not inconsistent with the constitution and laws of this state.

Record of proceedings. SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of the secretary of every such society, to keep correct records of all the proceedings of the same, in a book provided for that purpose, and such records may be read in evidence in any court where the interests of such society is concerned.

Annual payment by state treasurer. SEC. 6. When it shall be made to appear to the satisfaction of the secretary of state that any such society is duly organized in any county according to the provisions of this act, it shall be the duty of the said secretary of state to issue an order to the state treasurer to pay annually to the treasurer of any such society so organized, as aforesaid, on application made therefor, the sum of one hundred dollars; *Provided, nevertheless,* That no such society shall draw any money out of the treasury of this state, as aforesaid, in any year, until it shall also be further made to appear to the satisfaction of the treasurer thereof, that there shall have been subscribed and paid into the treasury of such society, for the sole use and benefit thereof, for the year in question, a sum not less than one hundred dollars.

Proviso.

Premiums. SEC. 7. All moneys so subscribed or received from the state as aforesaid, shall, after paying the necessary incidental expenses of such societies respectively, be annually paid out for premiums awarded by such societies, in such sums and in such way and manner as they severally, under their by-laws, rules and regulations, shall direct, on such live animals, articles of production and agricultural implements and tools, domestic manufactures, mechanical improvements and productions as are of the growth and manufacture of the county, and also all such experiments and discoveries, or attainments in scientific or practical agriculture as are made within the county where such societies are respectively organized.

Annual statement. SEC. 8. Each county agricultural society, entitled to receive money from the state treasury, shall, through its treasurer, transmit to the treasurer of the state, in the month of November, annually, a statement of the money so received from the state, together with the amount received from the members of said society for the preceding

year, a statement of the expenditures of all such sums, and the number of the members of said society.

SEC. 9. Each county agricultural society receiving money from the state as aforesaid, shall publish, in the month of January in each year, at their own expense, a statement of the experiments and improvements, and reports of their committees, in one or more newspapers in the county where such society is located, or in an adjoining county, where no paper is published in the county where such society is located, and evidence that the requirements of this act have been complied with, shall be furnished to the state treasury before he shall pay over to any county society the sum appropriated by the state for the benefit of said society.

To publish statement of improvements &c. annually.

SEC. 10. Live animals, the growth of any foreign state or county, which have been owned and kept in any county in this state, for the term of six months previous to its annual agricultural fair, are hereby placed on the same footing, and may receive the same premiums thereon, as live animals which are the growth of such county.

Animals admitted to fair.

SEC. 11. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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CHAPTER 75.

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An Act in relation to non-resident Guardians.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. In all cases when any guardian and his ward may both be non-residents of this state, and such ward may be entitled to personal property of any description in this state, such guardian on producing satisfactory proof to the county court of the proper county by certificates, according to the act of congress in such cases, that he has been duly appointed, and has, as guardian, given bond and security, in the state in which he and his ward

Concerning guardians.