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CHAPTER 336.

AN ACT to amend 94.08 (5) and (6) and to repeal and recreate 94.08 (2) and (3) of the statutes, relating to state aid to county fairs and agricultural societies.

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

SECTION 1. 94.08 (2) and (3) of the statutes are repealed and recreated to read:

94.08 (2) Except as provided in subsection (3) hereof, state aid shall be paid on the premiums awarded at only one fair in each county. If the county conducts a fair such state aid shall be paid to the county. If the county does not conduct a fair such state aid shall be paid to the one society, board or association which conducts a fair and is designated by the county board.

(3) All societies, boards and associations which received state aid in 1950 shall continue to remain eligible therefor so long as they continue to operate a fair each year in conformity with the applicable law and the regulations.

SECTION 2. 94.08 (5) and (6) of the statutes are amended to read:

94.08 (5) * * * *Not later than 30 days after the close of the fair each year the county clerk, or the person appointed therefor by the county board, agricultural society, association or board claiming state aid, shall file with the department, on blanks provided by it, an itemized statement verified on oath, showing net premiums actually paid * * * or to be paid at the preceding fair, which premiums must correspond with the list approved by the department, as required by subsection (1). This report shall also include a statement of receipts and disbursements, attendance, and such other information as the department may require; including also a statement that at such fair all gambling devices whatsoever, the sale of intoxicating liquors excepting fermented malt beverages, and exhibitions of immoral character were prohibited and excluded from the fair grounds and all adjacent grounds under their authority or control.*

(6) If it appears from such report, and the department shall be satisfied that such county agricultural fairs have been maintained pursuant to the rules and regulations prescribed by it, and that the premiums * * * are the net amount actually paid *or to be paid* in cash to bona fide exhibitors, it shall certify to the director of budget and accounts in favor of each such county agricultural society, association or board the amounts due under the provisions of subsection (1) and the director of budget and accounts shall then audit such report. If it appears from any such report that any premiums have been paid to other than bona fide exhibitors, or that premiums have been paid or used in any way contrary to the intent of this subsection, then the department may withhold payment of such state aid until suitable adjustment is made.

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