

**Chapter 453**  
**AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATIONS**  
**GRANGES**

**Act 68 of 1875**

AN ACT to incorporate state and subordinate granges; and to impose certain duties on the department of commerce.

**History:** 1875, Act 68, Imd. Eff. Apr. 8, 1875 ;-- Am. 1982, Act 471, Eff. Mar. 30, 1983

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

**453.1 Granges; incorporation.**

Sec. 1.

That state, county, or district and subordinate granges of the order of the patrons of husbandry in the state of Michigan may be incorporated under the provisions of this act.

**History:** 1875, Act 68, Imd. Eff. Apr. 8, 1875 ;-- How. 2332 ;-- CL 1897, 6001 ;-- CL 1915, 7909 ;-- CL 1929, 10193 ;-- CL 1948, 453.1

**453.2 State granges; incorporators; articles of association, contents.**

Sec. 2.

Any 13 or more persons, residents of this state, and of lawful age, and members of a state grange of the patrons of husbandry of the state of Michigan, and appointed for that purpose by the executive committee of said state grange, may, under the direction of said executive committee, for the purpose of incorporating a state grange of the order of the patrons of husbandry, make and execute articles of association under their hands and seals, which articles shall be acknowledged before some officer having authority to take the acknowledgment of deeds, and shall set forth:

First, The names of the persons so associating in the first instance, and their places of residence;

Second, The corporate name by which such association shall be known in the law, and the place or places which shall be deemed to be the place of its business office;

Third, The object and purpose of such corporation, which shall be to advance the social, moral, intellectual, and material interests of the members of the corporation;

Fourth, The period of the existence of the corporation, which shall not exceed 30 years.

**History:** 1875, Act 68, Imd. Eff. Apr. 8, 1875 ;-- How. 2333 ;-- CL 1897, 6002 ;-- CL 1915, 7910 ;-- CL 1929, 10194 ;-- CL 1948, 453.2

**453.3 State granges; articles, proof of execution.**

Sec. 3.

Such articles of association shall have indorsed thereon, or annexed thereto, an affidavit made by not less than 3 of the signers thereof, sworn to before some officer in this state authorized to administer oaths, showing that the persons whose names are signed to said articles of association are members of the state grange of the patrons of

husbandry, and that they have been appointed by the executive committee of said state grange to make and execute said articles for the purpose of incorporating a state grange, as aforesaid, and that such articles of association are made and executed in accordance with the direction of said executive committee.

**History:** 1875, Act 68, Imd. Eff. Apr. 8, 1875 ;-- How. 2334 ;-- CL 1897, 6003 ;-- CL 1915, 7911 ;-- CL 1929, 10195 ;-- CL 1948, 453.3

#### **453.4 State grange; filing articles, certificate, and affidavit; body politic and corporate; powers; limitation on property.**

##### **Sec. 4.**

A copy of said articles of association, and of the certificate of acknowledgment thereof, and of said affidavit, with an affidavit thereto attached, showing the same to be true copies of said original articles, certificate, and affidavit, which affidavit so attached shall be made by 1 or more of the signers of said articles, shall be filed with the corporation and securities bureau of the department of commerce, and thereupon the persons who shall have signed said articles of association, their associates and successors being masters of the subordinate granges of the order of the patrons of husbandry in this state, together with such other persons, if any, as shall be designated for that purpose in the articles of association aforesaid, shall be a body politic and corporate, under and by the name expressed in such articles of association; it being hereby intended and provided that the persons who shall be the members and compose the corporation created as aforesaid, shall be composed of the persons signing such articles of association as aforesaid, and all the other masters of the subordinate granges of the patrons of husbandry in this state, during their continuance in office as such masters, and until their successors in office shall be chosen and enter upon the duties of their offices, together with such other persons as may be designated for that purpose in such articles of association as aforesaid; and the corporation formed under such articles of association as aforesaid, shall by the name designated in such articles, have succession, and be capable of suing and being sued, of contracting and being contracted with, and of purchasing, receiving, and holding real and personal estate by deed, gift, grant, or devise, and may have a common seal and may alter the same at pleasure, and shall have full power to give, grant, convey, lease, mortgage, sell, and dispose of any and all of such real and personal estate; but the rents, income and proceeds of all such property and estate shall be devoted exclusively to the objects for which the corporation is formed; and the amount of the real and personal estate owned by such corporation at any 1 time, shall not exceed the sum of \$100,000.00 in value.

**History:** 1875, Act 68, Imd. Eff. Apr. 8, 1875 ;-- How. 2335 ;-- CL 1897, 6004 ;-- CL 1915, 7912 ;-- CL 1929, 10196 ;-- CL 1948, 453.4 ;-- Am. 1982, Act 471, Eff. Mar. 30, 1983

#### **453.5 State grange; officers, agents; rules, by-laws; business office.**

##### **Sec. 5.**

Such corporation shall have power and authority to designate, elect, and appoint from its members such officers and agents, under such name and style, as shall be in accordance with the constitution of the national grange of the order of the patrons of husbandry, and as shall be provided for by the articles of association or by-laws (or both) of the corporation, and such corporation shall have authority to make all such rules, regulations, and by-laws, not repugnant to law, or to the constitution and regulations of the national grange of the order of the patrons of husbandry, as may be necessary and convenient for the regulation, management, and government of the affairs, business, property, and interests of the corporation; and such corporation may change the location of its business office whenever desirable.

**History:** 1875, Act 68, Imd. Eff. Apr. 8, 1875 ;-- How. 2336 ;-- CL 1897, 6005 ;-- CL 1915, 7913 ;-- CL 1929, 10197 ;-- CL 1948, 453.5

#### **453.6 State grange; articles, certified copy as evidence.**

##### **Sec. 6.**

A copy of the record of the articles of association of every such corporation formed as aforesaid, filed in the office of the secretary of state, and certified by him under the seal of state, shall be received in all courts and places as prima facie evidence of the existence and due incorporation of such corporation.

**History:** 1875, Act 68, Imd. Eff. Apr. 8, 1875 ;-- How. 2337 ;-- CL 1897, 6006 ;-- CL 1915, 7914 ;-- CL 1929, 10198 ;-- CL 1948, 453.6

#### **453.7 Subordinate granges; execution and acknowledgment of articles; filing articles and charter; body politic and corporate; powers; limitation on property; certified copy of articles and charter as evidence.**

##### **Sec. 7.**

Any 13 or more persons, of lawful age, residents of this state, and being members of any county, district, or subordinate grange of the patrons of husbandry, duly chartered by the national or state grange, by charter approved by the state grange, desirous to become incorporated, may make and execute articles of association, specifying therein, as provided in section 2 of this act, and acknowledge the same as specified in said section 2, and file a copy of such articles, together with a copy of the charter granted as aforesaid by said national or state grange, with the corporation and securities bureau of the department of commerce, and thereupon, the persons who shall have signed such articles of association together with their associates and successors who shall sign such articles, shall be a body politic and corporate, by the name expressed in such articles of association, and by that name they and their successors shall have succession, and by that name may sue and be sued, contract and be contracted with, and may have a common seal which they may alter at pleasure, and may purchase, take, receive, own, and hold, real and personal estate, and the same or any part thereof grant, sell, mortgage, lease, and convey, at pleasure. But every such corporation shall be limited as to the amount of estate which it may hold, and the disposition to be made thereof, and of the income and proceeds therefrom, by the provisions of section 4 of this act, and a copy of the record of the articles of association, and of the charter thereto attached, certified by the corporation and securities bureau of the department of commerce, shall be received in all courts and places in this state as prima facie evidence of the existence and due incorporation of every grange incorporated under this section.

**History:** 1875, Act 68, Imd. Eff. Apr. 8, 1875 ;-- Am. 1877, Act 98, Eff. Aug. 21, 1877 ;-- How. 2338 ;-- CL 1897, 6007 ;-- CL 1915, 7915 ;-- CL 1929, 10199 ;-- CL 1948, 453.7 ;-- Am. 1982, Act 471, Eff. Mar. 30, 1983

#### **453.8 Subordinate granges; by-laws, rules; business office, location; capital stock.**

##### **Sec. 8.**

Every county, district, and subordinate grange incorporated under this act, shall have power and authority to designate, elect, and appoint from its members such officers, under such name and style as shall be in accordance with the constitution of the national grange, and the regulations of the state grange, and as may be provided for in the articles of association or by-laws of the corporation; and shall also have authority to make all such by-laws, rules, and regulations, not repugnant to the laws of the United States or of this state, nor repugnant to the constitution and regulations of the national grange or state grange, as may be necessary and convenient for the regulation, management, and government of the affairs, business, property, and interests of the corporation; and may change the location of its business office whenever expedient, but notice of such change shall be filed and recorded in the office of the county clerk, where the record of its articles of association are kept. And every corporation organized under this act may, for the purpose of effecting the objects and purposes of the corporation, create a capital stock, and divide the same into convenient shares, and make all such rules and regulations in respect to the same, and the management thereof, and for the collection of assessments and calls upon such shares, as may be expedient.

**History:** 1875, Act 68, Imd. Eff. Apr. 8, 1875 ;-- How. 2339 ;-- CL 1897, 6008 ;-- CL 1915, 7916 ;-- CL 1929, 10200 ;-- CL 1948, 453.8

#### **453.9 Governing law.**

Sec. 9.

All corporations formed under this act, shall, in all things not herein otherwise provided, be subject to the provisions of chapter 130 of the Compiled Laws of 1871, so far as the same may be applicable to corporations formed under this act, and the legislature may alter or amend this act at any time.

**History:** 1875, Act 68, Imd. Eff. Apr. 8, 1875 ;-- How. 2340 ;-- CL 1897, 6009 ;-- CL 1915, 7917 ;-- CL 1929, 10201 ;-- CL 1948, 453.9

**Compiler's Notes:** For provisions of chapter 130 of the Compiled Laws of 1871, referred to in this section, see MCL 450.504 et seq.

### **MICHIGAN STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY**

#### **Act 180 of 1849**

AN ACT to incorporate the Michigan state agricultural society.

**History:** 1849, Act 180, Imd. Eff. Mar. 31, 1849

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Michigan:*

#### **453.51 Michigan state agricultural society; incorporation.**

Sec. 1.

That all persons who now are, or may hereafter become associated for the purposes of this act, are hereby constituted a body corporate by the name of the "Michigan state agricultural society," for the purpose of promoting the improvement of agriculture and its kindred arts.

**History:** 1849, Act 180, Imd. Eff. Mar. 31, 1849 ;-- CL 1857, 1680 ;-- CL 1871, 2156 ;-- How. 2288 ;-- CL 1897, 5939 ;-- CL 1915, 7815 ;-- CL 1929, 10202 ;-- CL 1948, 453.51

#### **453.52 State agricultural society; powers, duties; restriction.**

Sec. 2.

For the purposes aforesaid, the society shall possess the general powers and privileges, and be subject to the general liabilities contained in chapter 55, title 10, of the Revised Statutes of 1846, so far as the same may be applicable, and have not been modified or repealed; but the real and personal estate which the said society shall be authorized to take, hold, and convey, over and above its library and its scientific and agricultural collections, shall not, at any time, exceed in amount the value of 20,000 dollars.

**History:** 1849, Act 180, Imd. Eff. Mar. 31, 1849 ;-- CL 1857, 1681 ;-- CL 1871, 2157 ;-- How. 2289 ;-- CL 1897, 5940 ;-- CL 1915, 7816 ;-- CL 1929, 10203 ;-- CL 1948, 453.52

**Compiler's Notes:** For provisions of chapter 55, title 10, of the Revised Statutes of 1846, referred to in this section, see MCL 450.504 et seq. As to increase in the \$20,000 limit imposed by this section, see MCL 453.81 et seq.

**453.53 State agricultural society; annual report to legislature, contents.**

Sec. 3.

It shall be the duty of the Michigan state agricultural society to transmit to the president of the senate, for the use of the legislature, in the month of January, annually, a report and statement of its proceedings, specifying the nature of the encouragement proposed by it, and the object for which, and persons to whom, premiums have been awarded; embracing also such accurate details of the modes of cultivation, of keeping stock, and of other important incidents, as will acquaint farmers and others with the precise manner in which the valuable results recorded can be again obtained; and presenting such other matter as the society may judge most useful in promoting a greater and more general progress in practical agriculture.

**History:** 1849, Act 180, Imd. Eff. Mar. 31, 1849 ;-- CL 1857, 1682 ;-- CL 1871, 2158 ;-- How. 2290 ;-- CL 1897, 5941 ;-- CL 1915, 7817 ;-- CL 1929, 10204 ;-- CL 1948, 453.53

**MICHIGAN STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY**

**Act 197 of 1849**

AN ACT in aid of the Michigan state agricultural society.

**History:** 1849, Act 197, Imd. Eff. Mar. 31, 1849

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Michigan:*

**453.72 State agricultural society; award of premiums, requirements.**

Sec. 2.

It shall be the duty of such officers of the Michigan state agricultural society, as it may elect for that purpose, annually to regulate and award premiums on such articles, productions, and improvements, as they may deem best calculated to promote the agricultural and household manufacturing interests of the state, having special reference to the most economical or profitable mode of competition in raising the crop or stock, or in the fabrication of the article offered: Provided always, That before any premium shall be delivered, the person claiming the same, or to whom the same shall be awarded, shall deliver to the president of the society, in writing, an accurate statement and description, verified in such manner as the officers aforesaid may direct, of the character of the soil, and the process of preparing it, including the quantity of manure applied in raising the crop, or the kind and quantity of food in feeding the animal, as the case may be, also the kind and cost of labor employed, and the total expense and total product of the crop, or the increase in value of the animal, with a view of showing accurately the resulting profit.

**History:** 1849, Act 197, Imd. Eff. Mar. 31, 1849 ;-- CL 1857, 1683 ;-- CL 1871, 2159 ;-- How. 2291 ;-- CL 1897, 5942 ;-- CL 1915, 7818 ;-- CL 1929, 10205 ;-- CL 1948, 453.72

**MICHIGAN STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY**

**Act 165 of 1879**

AN ACT relative to the Michigan state agricultural society.

**History:** 1879, Act 165, Eff. Aug. 30, 1879

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

**453.81 State agricultural society; property, limitation.**

Sec. 1.

That the Michigan state agricultural society may hold real and personal estate over and above its library, scientific and agricultural collections to amount not exceeding 100,000 dollars.

**History:** 1879, Act 165, Eff. Aug. 30, 1879 ;-- How. 2292 ;-- CL 1897, 5943 ;-- CL 1915, 7819 ;-- CL 1929, 10206 ;-- CL 1948, 453.81  
**Compiler's Notes:** By section 2 of Act 180 of 1849, being MCL 453.52, the amount was limited to \$20,000.00.

**453.82 State agricultural society; secretary and treasurer, bond approval; vacancies.**

Sec. 2.

The secretary and treasurer of the said Michigan state agricultural society shall each give bonds in such amounts and with such sureties respectively as shall from time to time be required by the executive committee, which bonds shall be conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties of such officers respectively, and to account for and pay over, as the executive committee shall order, all such moneys as shall come into the hands of such officers respectively by virtue of their office. Each of said bonds shall, in the first instance, be approved by the president as to form and sufficiency of sureties, and his approval shall be indorsed thereon, and such bonds and the action of the president thereon shall be reported to the executive committee at its next meeting, and shall be subject both as to form and sufficiency, to the action of the executive committee. It shall be competent for the executive committee in case either of said officers shall neglect or refuse to give such bonds within such time, and with such sureties as shall be approved as aforesaid, to declare said office vacant and thereupon fill the said office by appointment, until the next annual election.

**History:** 1879, Act 165, Eff. Aug. 30, 1879 ;-- How. 2293 ;-- CL 1897, 5944 ;-- CL 1915, 7820 ;-- CL 1929, 10207 ;-- CL 1948, 453.82

**453.83 Annual fairs; exhibits, liability for loss.**

Sec. 3.

The said society shall not be liable for the loss by fire or otherwise of animals or articles which may be placed on exhibition at the annual fairs of the society.

**History:** 1879, Act 165, Eff. Aug. 30, 1879 ;-- How. 2294 ;-- CL 1897, 5945 ;-- CL 1915, 7821 ;-- CL 1929, 10208 ;-- CL 1948, 453.83

**MICHIGAN STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY**

**Act 54 of 1889**

AN ACT to enable the executive committee of the state agricultural society to permanently locate the place of holding its annual fairs, and to repeal Act No. 65 of the Public Acts of 1887.

**History:** 1889, Act 54, Imd. Eff. Apr. 19, 1889

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

**453.91 Annual fairs; location, change.**

Sec. 1.

That the executive committee of the state agricultural society shall have the power, by a majority vote of all the members of said committee at any annual meeting or at any special meeting thereof, called for that purpose, to permanently locate the place of holding the annual fairs of said society, and when a permanent location is selected it shall not be changed except by a 2/3 majority of all the members of said committee.

**History:** 1889, Act 54, Imd. Eff. Apr. 19, 1889 ;-- How. 2297a ;-- CL 1897, 5946 ;-- CL 1915, 7822 ;-- CL 1929, 10209 ;-- CL 1948, 453.91

**Former Law:** See Act 65 of 1887.

**COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES**

**Act 96 of 1849**

AN ACT for the encouragement of agriculture, manufactures, and the mechanic arts.

**History:** 1849, Act 96, Imd. Eff. Mar. 16, 1849

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

**453.101 County agricultural societies; organization, county aid.**

Sec. 1.

In any county in this state, where the inhabitants thereof have organized and established or may hereafter organize and establish a society for the encouragement and advancement of agriculture, manufactures and the mechanic arts and shall raise from said society, annually, the sum of 100 dollars or over, for the promotion of the above objects in said county, which fact shall be certified by the president and secretary of the society under oath, and a certificate thereof shall be filed with the clerk of the board of supervisors. The board of supervisors of said county at their annual session in each and every year, may, at their option, levy a tax of not more than 1/10 of 1 mill on the dollar, on the assessment roll of the county, which tax shall be collected and paid to the treasurer of the county in the same manner that other taxes are collected and paid: Provided, In any county where there is more than 1 agricultural society so reporting, the board may apportion such amount between such societies as they may deem just.

**History:** 1849, Act 96, Imd. Eff. Mar. 16, 1849 ;-- Am. 1855, Act 18, Eff. May 15, 1855 ;-- CL 1857, 1687 ;-- Am. 1869, Act 105, Eff. July 5, 1869 ;-- CL 1871, 2163 ;-- How. 2298 ;-- Am. 1891, Act 177, Imd. Eff. June 30, 1891 ;-- CL 1897, 5947 ;-- CL 1915, 7824 ;-- CL 1929, 10211 ;-- CL 1948, 453.101

**Former Law:** See Act 24 of 1844.

**453.102 County agricultural societies; tax money, duty of county treasurer.**

Sec. 2.

The treasurer of the county shall keep the sum so raised subject to the order of the board of supervisors of said county.

**History:** 1849, Act 96, Imd. Eff. Mar. 16, 1849 ;-- CL 1857, 1688 ;-- CL 1871, 2164 ;-- How. 2299 ;-- CL 1897, 5948 ;-- CL 1915, 7825 ;-- CL 1929, 10212 ;-- CL 1948, 453.102

**453.103 County agricultural societies; tax money, expenditure.**

Sec. 3.

The said board of supervisors shall draw upon the said treasurer for the sum so raised and the same shall be expended, under the direction of said board, for the benefit of said society in the purchase of premiums, the diffusion of valuable agricultural, manufacturing and mechanical knowledge, or in such other way as shall in the opinion of the board be calculated to promote and encourage the important objects above specified.

**History:** 1849, Act 96, Imd. Eff. Mar. 16, 1849 ;-- CL 1857, 1689 ;-- CL 1871, 2165 ;-- How. 2300 ;-- CL 1897, 5949 ;-- CL 1915, 7826 ;-- CL 1929, 10213 ;-- CL 1948, 453.103

**453.105 County agricultural societies; membership.**

Sec. 5.

Any citizen of any county in which a society of the kind above named is or shall be organized shall have a right to become a member thereof by complying with the rules and regulations of said society.

**History:** 1849, Act 96, Imd. Eff. Mar. 16, 1849 ;-- CL 1857, 1691 ;-- CL 1871, 2167 ;-- How. 2302 ;-- CL 1897, 5950 ;-- CL 1915, 7828 ;-- CL 1929, 10215 ;-- CL 1948, 453.105

**COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES**

**Act 12 of 1867**

AN ACT for the better promotion of the interests of agriculture, manufactures and the mechanic arts.

**History:** 1867, Act 12, Imd. Eff. Feb. 7, 1867

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

**453.201 County agricultural societies; tax apportionment.**

Sec. 1.

That in any county in this state where the inhabitants thereof have organized and established more than 1 society for the encouragement and advancement of agriculture, manufactures, and the mechanic arts, in accordance with



the provisions of section 1687 of the Compiled Laws, the board of supervisors of said county may apportion the amount raised by tax in said county, by the provisions of section 1687, 1688, and 1689 of the Compiled Laws, among each of said societies, as they may deem equitable and just.

**History:** 1867, Act 12, Imd. Eff. Feb. 7, 1867 ;-- CL 1871, 2180 ;-- How. 2313 ;-- CL 1897, 5951 ;-- CL 1915, 7829 ;-- CL 1929, 10216 ;-- CL 1948, 453.201

**Compiler's Notes:** For provisions of sections 1687, 1688, and 1689, referred to in this section, see MCL 453.101, 453.102, and 453.103, respectively.

#### **453.202 County agricultural societies; adjacent counties uniting; tax apportionment.**

##### **Sec. 2.**

When the inhabitants of parts of 2 or more counties lying adjacent to each other have united in organizing and establishing a society for the encouragement and advancement of agriculture, manufactures, and the mechanic arts, in accordance with the provisions of section 1687 of the Compiled Laws, the board of supervisors of each of the said counties may apportion to such society so much of the amount raised by tax in their respective counties, by the provisions of sections 1687, 1688 and 1689 of the Compiled Laws, as they may deem equitable and just.

**History:** 1867, Act 12, Imd. Eff. Feb. 7, 1867 ;-- CL 1871, 2181 ;-- How. 2314 ;-- CL 1897, 5952 ;-- CL 1915, 7830 ;-- CL 1929, 10217 ;-- CL 1948, 453.202

**Compiler's Notes:** For provisions of sections 1687, 1688, and 1689, referred to in this section, see MCL 453.101, 453.102 and 453.103, respectively.

## **LOCAL AGRICULTURAL OR HORTICULTURAL SOCIETIES**

### **Act 80 of 1855**

AN ACT to authorize the formation of local agricultural and horticultural societies; and to impose certain duties on the department of commerce.

**History:** 1855, Act 80, Imd. Eff. Feb. 12, 1855 ;-- Am. 1965, Act 69, Imd. Eff. June 22, 1965 ;-- Am. 1982, Act 96, Imd. Eff. Apr. 19, 1982

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

#### **453.231 Agricultural or horticultural society; formation; making, signing, and acknowledging articles of association; filing copy of articles with department of commerce; content of articles.**

##### **Sec. 1.**

Any 10 or more persons, inhabitants of this state, who shall desire to form an agricultural or horticultural society in any county, township, city or village, or in any 2 or more of them, being contiguous, in this state, may make, sign and acknowledge articles of association, before any officer authorized to take acknowledgments of deeds in this state, and file the same in the corporation and securities bureau of the department of commerce. The articles shall state the name by which such society shall be known in law, the particular business and objects of such society, the number of trustees, directors or managers, who shall manage the same; and the names of such directors, trustees or managers thereof for the first year of its existence.

**History:** 1855, Act 80, Imd. Eff. Feb. 12, 1855 ;-- CL 1857, 1692 ;-- CL 1871, 2168 ;-- Am. 1879, Act 43, Imd. Eff. Apr. 19, 1879 ;-- How. 2303 ;-- CL 1897, 5953 ;-- CL 1915, 7831 ;-- CL 1929, 10218 ;-- CL 1948, 453.231 ;-- Am. 1965, Act 69, Imd. Eff. June 22, 1965 ;-- Am. 1982, Act 96, Imd. Eff. Apr. 19, 1982

#### **453.232 Local agricultural societies; body corporate, powers; real estate, purchase and holding, limitation.**

##### **Sec. 2.**

Upon filing such articles of association, the persons who have signed the same, and their associates and successors shall become a body corporate by the name stated in such articles. No 2 societies shall assume the same name. By that corporate name the signers of the articles and their successors may have succession and shall be persons in law capable of suing and being sued, and they and their successors may have and use a common seal, which they may alter and change at pleasure, and they and their successors, by their corporate name, shall be capable of purchasing and holding, taking and receiving, by gift, devise or otherwise, exempt from taxation, real estate for the purpose of their incorporation; and they may make all necessary bylaws for the management of such societies not inconsistent with the laws of this state or of the United States. A current copy of the bylaws shall be filed with the director of agriculture.

**History:** 1855, Act 80, Imd. Eff. Feb. 12, 1855 ;-- CL 1857, 1693 ;-- Am. 1867, Act 88, Imd. Eff. Mar. 23, 1867 ;-- CL 1871, 2169 ;-- Am. 1881, Act 228, Imd. Eff. June 7, 1881 ;-- How. 2304 ;-- Am. 1885, Act 44, Eff. Sept. 19, 1885 ;-- Am. 1889, Act 251, Imd. Eff. July 3, 1889 ;-- CL 1897, 5954 ;-- CL 1915, 7832 ;-- CL 1929, 10219 ;-- CL 1948, 453.232 ;-- Am. 1949, Act 251, Eff. Sept. 23, 1949 ;-- Am. 1965, Act 69, Imd. Eff. June 22, 1965

#### **453.233 Stockholders.**

##### **Sec. 3.**

Any person who has attained the age of 18 years and shall pay into the treasury of the society, at a time and in an amount and manner as the bylaws direct, a sum of money not to exceed \$25.00, and subscribe to the articles of association shall be a stockholder or member therein and entitled to all the privileges and immunities thereof.

**History:** 1855, Act 80, Imd. Eff. Feb. 12, 1855 ;-- CL 1857, 1694 ;-- CL 1871, 2170 ;-- How. 2305 ;-- CL 1897, 5955 ;-- CL 1915, 7833 ;-- CL 1929, 10220 ;-- CL 1948, 453.233 ;-- Am. 1965, Act 69, Imd. Eff. June 22, 1965 ;-- Am. 1972, Act 27, Imd. Eff. Feb. 19, 1972

#### **453.234 Local agricultural societies; board of directors; officers; powers.**

##### **Sec. 4.**

A board of directors consisting of at least 5 members may be elected by the stockholders of the society at their annual meeting. Vacancies occurring on the board between annual meetings may be filled by the board. The bylaws or articles of association may provide that anyone of the board may hold office for 1, 2 or 3 years. The board of directors shall elect a president, a secretary and a treasurer, and any other officers, either from their own number or from the other stockholders as the articles of association or the bylaws may provide. Each of the officers and directors shall be entitled to 1 vote on questions coming before the board. A majority of the officers and directors shall constitute a quorum to transact business. Such officers and directors shall constitute a board of management of the affairs of the society. They shall manage the property and business of the society to best promote the interests of educational, agricultural, horticultural and mechanical arts; they may hold fairs and exhibitions and distribute premiums for the best and most meritorious animals or articles exhibited in the several departments, as shall be provided by their bylaws and regulations. A member of any regularly organized agricultural society must be enrolled and recorded at least 30 days prior to the annual meeting, to be able to vote at such meeting.

**History:** 1855, Act 80, Imd. Eff. Feb. 12, 1855 ;-- CL 1857, 1695 ;-- Am. 1867, Act 88, Imd. Eff. Mar. 23, 1867 ;-- CL 1871, 2171 ;-- How. 2306 ;-- CL 1897, 5956 ;-- CL 1915, 7834 ;-- Am. 1923, Act 298, Eff. Aug. 30, 1923 ;-- CL 1929, 10221 ;-- CL 1948, 453.234 ;-- Am. 1956, Act 133, Eff. Aug. 11, 1956 ;-- Am. 1965, Act 69, Imd. Eff. June 22, 1965

**453.235 Repealed. 1965, Act 69, Imd. Eff. June 22, 1965.**

**Compiler's Notes:** The repealed section limited number of agricultural societies in particular area but authorized contiguous counties, towns, or parts of towns to join to form district societies.

**453.236 Local agricultural societies; sale of real estate, procedure.**

**Sec. 6.**

A society may sell, from time to time, the whole or any part of its real estate, when authorized by the society, at an annual meeting thereof, or at a special meeting thereof, called for that purpose, by a vote of a majority of the members of such society present at such meeting, and notice of the intention to vote on the question of the sale having been published in some newspaper published in the county, if there be 1 published, and if not, then in some newspaper published in an adjoining county, once a week for 3 succeeding weeks next preceding such annual or special meeting.

**History:** 1855, Act 80, Imd. Eff. Feb. 12, 1855 ;-- CL 1857, 1697 ;-- CL 1871, 2173 ;-- How. 2308 ;-- CL 1897, 5958 ;-- Am. 1909, Act 253, Eff. Sept. 1, 1909 ;-- CL 1915, 7836 ;-- CL 1929, 10223 ;-- CL 1948, 453.236 ;-- Am. 1965, Act 69, Imd. Eff. June 22, 1965

**453.237 Repealed. 1965, Act 69, Imd. Eff. June 22, 1965.**

**Compiler's Notes:** The repealed section provided for liability of stockholders in agricultural societies.

**453.238 Statement to director of agriculture.**

**Sec. 8.**

The president, secretary or authorized agents of a society within 120 days after the close of their event, or June 30, whichever occurs first, shall make out and transmit to the director of agriculture at his office, a statement of the transactions of the society for the preceding year, and giving a full detail of the receipts and expenditures thereof, with a list of the premiums awarded, and to whom, and for what purpose.

**History:** 1855, Act 80, Imd. Eff. Feb. 12, 1855 ;-- CL 1857, 1699 ;-- CL 1871, 2175 ;-- How. 2310 ;-- CL 1897, 5960 ;-- CL 1915, 7838 ;-- CL 1929, 10225 ;-- CL 1948, 453.238 ;-- Am. 1965, Act 69, Imd. Eff. June 22, 1965 ;-- Am. 1972, Act 204, Imd. Eff. June 30, 1972

**453.239 Repealed. 1965, Act 69, Imd. Eff. June 22, 1965.**

**Compiler's Notes:** The repealed section made Act 80 of 1955 subject to sections 450.504-450.525.

#### **453.240 Local agricultural societies; articles of association, amendment procedure, filing.**

Sec. 10.

It shall be lawful for any society organized under this act, upon a vote of 2/3 of the members present at any annual meeting, to alter or amend its articles of association or bylaws in any manner not inconsistent with the provisions of this act. Notice of the intended alteration or amendment shall be given at least 30 days prior to the annual meeting of the society; and it shall be the duty of the secretary of any such society, in giving notice of any annual meeting, to specify the alterations or amendments to be brought before it. The alterations or amendments so made, shall be duly certified by the president and secretary of the society, and filed in the office of the director of agriculture, whereupon the alterations or amendments shall have the same force and effect as original articles of association.

**History:** Add. 1879, Act 43, Imd. Eff. Apr. 19, 1879 ;-- How. 2312 ;-- CL 1897, 5962 ;-- CL 1915, 7840 ;-- CL 1929, 10227 ;-- CL 1948, 453.240 ;-- Am. 1965, Act 69, Imd. Eff. June 22, 1965

### **LOCAL AGRICULTURAL OR HORTICULTURAL SOCIETIES**

#### **Act 155 of 1889**

AN ACT to enable any town, county or district agricultural or horticultural society to re-organize under the act approved February twelfth, 1855, entitled "An act to authorize the formation of county and town agricultural societies," and the several acts amendatory thereof.

**History:** 1889, Act 155, Imd. Eff. June 18, 1889

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

#### **453.281 Local agricultural or horticultural societies; reorganization.**

Sec. 1.

That any town, county or district agricultural or horticultural society heretofore organized under any general law of this state may reorganize under the act approved February twelfth, 1855, entitled "An act to authorize the formation of county and town agricultural societies," so as to become subject to the provisions of said act, and the several acts amendatory thereof, whenever the officers and directors of any such town, county or district agricultural or horticultural society shall make, sign, acknowledge and file duplicate articles of association as provided in said act and the several acts amendatory thereof.

**History:** 1889, Act 155, Imd. Eff. June 18, 1889 ;-- How. 2312a ;-- CL 1897, 5963 ;-- CL 1915, 7841 ;-- CL 1929, 10228 ;-- CL 1948, 453.281

**Compiler's Notes:** For provisions of Act 80 of 1855, referred to in this section, see MCL 453.231 et seq.

#### **453.282 Local agricultural societies; officers; duplicate articles, contents; reorganization; body corporate.**

Sec. 2.

The officers and directors of any town, county or district agricultural or horticultural society shall be authorized by their names of office to make, sign, acknowledge, execute and file duplicate articles as provided in said act, and the several acts amendatory thereof, which articles shall, in addition to the requisites in said act and the several acts

amendatory thereof, set forth that they are executed for the purpose of reorganizing said society according to the provisions of this act, and such articles shall be deemed sufficient when so made, signed, acknowledged, executed and filed, although the number of signers shall be less than 8, if they shall constitute a majority of such officers and directors: Provided, That when there are no surviving officers or directors qualified to act, or if a period of 5 years has intervened since the last election of officers of such society, any 10 or more citizens, real property owners in the county, and legally resident therein, may reorganize such society under the provisions of Act No. 80 of the Public Acts of 1855, as amended, being sections 453.231 to 453.240, inclusive, of the Compiled Laws of 1948, and under the same name as theretofore used, and for the same purposes as provided in section 4 of said Act No. 80 of the Public Acts of 1855, and said society shall become a body politic and corporate by the name stated in its articles of association and subject to the provisions of section 2 of said Act No. 80 of the Public Acts of 1855, and shall succeed to all the rights and privileges of such prior society, and the property of said former society or societies shall vest in and become the property of the society so last reorganized.

**History:** 1889, Act 155, Imd. Eff. June 18, 1889 ;-- How. 2312b ;-- CL 1897, 5964 ;-- CL 1915, 7842 ;-- CL 1929, 10229 ;-- CL 1948, 453.282 ;-- Am. 1953, Act 125, Eff. Oct. 2, 1953

#### **453.283 Local agricultural society reorganization; rights and duties.**

##### **Sec. 3.**

That upon the making, signing, acknowledging, executing and filing of said articles of association such society shall without further action be deemed to all intents and purposes re-organized, and shall succeed to all the property and rights of action of the old society, and shall be liable for all debts, obligations and liabilities of the old society, and every stockholder in the old society, under and by virtue of the incorporating act and the by-laws thereof, shall be a stockholder to a like extent in the new society, and all rights of property and contract shall remain unimpaired, and the corporate identity of such society shall continue unchanged.

**History:** 1889, Act 155, Imd. Eff. June 18, 1889 ;-- How. 2312c ;-- CL 1897, 5965 ;-- CL 1915, 7843 ;-- CL 1929, 10230 ;-- CL 1948, 453.283

#### **453.284 Local agricultural society reorganization; officers, directors.**

##### **Sec. 4.**

The officers and directors in office shall continue in office until the annual meeting for the election of officers next following such re-organization, and until new officers and directors shall be elected, and no other meeting or notice shall be necessary to complete such re-organization: Provided, That when new officers and directors shall be elected, they shall consist of the number of officers and directors required by such articles of re-organization.

**History:** 1889, Act 155, Imd. Eff. June 18, 1889 ;-- How. 2312d ;-- CL 1897, 5966 ;-- CL 1915, 7844 ;-- CL 1929, 10231 ;-- CL 1948, 453.284

## **LOCAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES**

### **Act 106 of 1893**

AN ACT to enable any town, county or district agricultural society, heretofore organized under the laws of this state, whose term of corporate existence has expired, or is about to expire, by limitation, to re-organize for a further period, not exceeding 30 years, to fix the duties and liabilities of such renewed agricultural corporations, associations or societies; and to impose certain duties on the department of commerce.

**History:** 1893, Act 106, Imd. Eff. May 24, 1893 ;-- Am. 1982, Act 426, Eff. Mar. 30, 1983

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

**453.291 Local agricultural societies; renewal procedure.**

Sec. 1.

That it shall be lawful for any town, county or district agricultural corporation, association or society organized under the laws of this state, whose term of corporate existence has expired or is about to expire, by limitation, to reorganize for a further period, not exceeding 30 years, at any regular or special meeting of its stockholders, if a stock company, or in case of no capital stock of its board of directors, trustees or managers, by a resolution adopted for that purpose, by a vote of 4/5 of its capital stock, or in case of no capital stock by a vote of 3/4 of its trustees, members, directors or managers, in favor of such resolution.

**History:** 1893, Act 106, Imd. Eff. May 24, 1893 ;-- CL 1897, 5967 ;-- CL 1915, 7845 ;-- CL 1929, 10232 ;-- CL 1948, 453.291

**453.292 Duplicate charter or articles of association; acknowledgment; copies of resolution and vote thereon; certification and verification; filing.**

Sec. 2.

It shall be the duty of the proper officers of such association, corporation, or society to make, sign, and acknowledge duplicate copies of its charter or articles of association, as the same shall have been from time to time amended, to which shall be attached copies of the resolution adopted as provided in section 1 of this act, and of the vote thereon, certified to by the person acting as secretary of such association, society, or corporation, and verified by the secretary's oath; a copy of which shall be filed with the corporation and securities bureau of the department of commerce.

**History:** 1893, Act 106, Imd. Eff. May 24, 1893 ;-- CL 1897, 5968 ;-- CL 1915, 7846 ;-- CL 1929, 10233 ;-- CL 1948, 453.292 ;-- Am. 1982, Act 426, Eff. Mar. 30, 1983

**453.293 Local agricultural societies; renewed corporate existence; rights, duties.**

Sec. 3.

The agricultural corporation, association or society, so reorganized shall have a renewed corporate existence, from the time of the adoption of such resolution as provided in section 1 of this act, for the term specified in such resolution, not exceeding 30 years, and shall hold and own all the property, rights, interest and franchises of such corporation, association or society so renewed, and shall be liable to all its liabilities and obligations as fully as if the former term had not, or did not, expire until the expiration of the term provided in such reorganization. And, such corporation, association or society shall have all the rights and privileges of a new corporation for the period of its renewed term as expressed in such renewed charter or articles of association, and as provided by the laws of this state applicable to this class of corporations.

**History:** 1893, Act 106, Imd. Eff. May 24, 1893 ;-- CL 1897, 5969 ;-- CL 1915, 7847 ;-- CL 1929, 10234 ;-- CL 1948, 453.293

**453.294 Scope of act; limitation.**

Sec. 4.

The provisions of this act shall apply only to corporations, associations or societies organized solely for agricultural purposes.

**History:** 1893, Act 106, Imd. Eff. May 24, 1893 ;-- CL 1897, 5970 ;-- CL 1915, 7848 ;-- CL 1929, 10235 ;-- CL 1948, 453.294

**POMOLOGICAL AND HORTICULTURAL SOCIETIES**

**Act 125 of 1871**

AN ACT to provide for the incorporation of societies for the promotion of pomology, horticulture, and the kindred sciences and arts in the state of Michigan.

**History:** 1871, Act 125, Imd. Eff. Apr. 15, 1871

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

**453.301 Pomological, horticultural and agricultural societies; incorporators.**

Sec. 1.

That any 5 or more persons, and their successors, that may hereafter associate together for the purpose of promoting the interests of pomology, horticulture, agriculture, and kindred sciences and arts, may become a body corporate by complying with the requirements of this act.

**History:** 1871, Act 125, Imd. Eff. Apr. 15, 1871 ;-- CL 1871, 3170 ;-- How. 2315 ;-- CL 1897, 5976 ;-- CL 1915, 7878 ;-- CL 1929, 10236 ;-- CL 1948, 453.301

**453.302 Pomological and horticultural societies; organization meeting, notice, regulations.**

Sec. 2.

The persons intending to become a body corporate for the above named purpose shall publish a notice of their intention to meet for organization 3 successive weeks in the newspaper published next nearest to the place where such meeting is to be held; said notice to state the object of the meeting, and when and where it will be held, and to be signed by at least 3 of the persons interested in establishing such organization; said meeting to be open to the public.

**History:** 1871, Act 125, Imd. Eff. Apr. 15, 1871 ;-- CL 1871, 3171 ;-- How. 2316 ;-- CL 1897, 5977 ;-- CL 1915, 7879 ;-- CL 1929, 10237 ;-- CL 1948, 453.302

**453.303 Pomological and horticultural societies; articles of association, contents.**

Sec. 3.

The articles of association adopted at the meeting provided for in the preceding section shall specify: First. The names, officers, and objects of association; second. the limit of property; third, the limit of subscription of members; fourth. the town, city, village, county, district, or extent of the territory in which the operation of the society may be carried on, or to which they are limited.

**History:** 1871, Act 125, Imd. Eff. Apr. 15, 1871 ;-- CL 1871, 3172 ;-- How. 2317 ;-- CL 1897, 5978 ;-- CL 1915, 7880 ;-- CL 1929, 10238 ;-- CL 1948, 453.303

#### **453.304 Pomological and horticultural societies; articles, registration.**

##### **Sec. 4.**

The articles of association, duly acknowledged by each stockholder, together with a certificate, signed by the secretary, stating the amount of subscription paid in, must be registered in the office where the association is located, in a book kept for that purpose, and a copy of the same must be forwarded to the secretary of state.

**History:** 1871, Act 125, Imd. Eff. Apr. 15, 1871 ;-- CL 1871, 3173 ;-- How. 2318 ;-- CL 1897, 5979 ;-- CL 1915, 7881 ;-- CL 1929, 10239 ;-- CL 1948, 453.304

#### **453.305 Pomological and horticultural societies; body corporate, powers; membership.**

##### **Sec. 5.**

On complying with the requirements of this act as above specified, the association so organized shall be a body corporate, and shall be capable of buying and selling real estate in the same manner as the agricultural societies; of suing and being sued in any court of this state; may have a common seal, and may alter or amend the same at pleasure; and be subject to the laws of the state applicable to agricultural societies; may make such by-laws and regulations, not inconsistent with its articles or with this act, as may be found desirable to promote the efficiency of the organization: Provided, That the by-laws shall not exclude any citizen of Michigan from membership of the association, attending the exhibitions, or participating in its discussions, who shall subscribe and pay to the funds of the society such sum or sums annually as the by-laws of the association shall prescribe.

**History:** 1871, Act 125, Imd. Eff. Apr. 15, 1871 ;-- CL 1871, 3174 ;-- How. 2319 ;-- CL 1897, 5980 ;-- CL 1915, 7882 ;-- CL 1929, 10240 ;-- CL 1948, 453.305

#### **453.306 State pomological and horticultural association; annual report, printing.**

##### **Sec. 6.**

Should a state association for the promotion of pomology, horticulture, agriculture, and kindred sciences and arts, be organized under this act, it shall be the duty of the secretary of said state society to make and transmit to the secretary of state a report of the transactions of said society, including copies of papers read at its meetings, reports of exhibitions held, and of facts collected by correspondence or otherwise, at the end of the month of December of each year; said report of transactions to be printed in similar form and number of copies as the reports and transactions of the state board of agriculture and state agricultural society, under the direction of the secretary of state.

**History:** 1871, Act 125, Imd. Eff. Apr. 15, 1871 ;-- CL 1871, 3175 ;-- How. 2320 ;-- CL 1897, 5981 ;-- CL 1915, 7883 ;-- CL 1929, 10241 ;-- CL 1948, 453.306



#### **453.307 Local pomological and horticultural associations; annual reports to state association, contents.**

##### **Sec. 7.**

District or county, town, city, or village associations organized under this act are hereby required to report through their secretary, in the month of November in each year, to the secretary of the state association, the proceedings of said society during the year, giving a statement of the facts elicited and of the experience gained during the preceding year; such reports from district, county, town, city, or village societies to be used as correspondence in compiling the report of the state association provided for in section 6.

**History:** 1871, Act 125, Imd. Eff. Apr. 15, 1871 ;-- CL 1871, 3176 ;-- How. 2321 ;-- CL 1897, 5982 ;-- CL 1915, 7884 ;-- CL 1929, 10242 ;-- CL 1948, 453.307

#### **453.308 Pomological and horticultural associations; privileges and immunities.**

##### **Sec. 8.**

Associations incorporated under this act shall, on compliance with the requirements thereof, be entitled to all the immunities, emoluments, and privileges accorded by law to the agricultural societies of this state.

**History:** 1871, Act 125, Imd. Eff. Apr. 15, 1871 ;-- CL 1871, 3177 ;-- How. 2322 ;-- CL 1897, 5983 ;-- CL 1915, 7885 ;-- CL 1929, 10243 ;-- CL 1948, 453.308

### **MICHIGAN STATE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**

#### **Act 106 of 1895**

AN ACT to legalize all acts of the Michigan state horticultural society, organized under Act No. 125 of the laws of Michigan of 1871, being “An act to provide for the incorporation of societies for the promotion of pomology, horticulture, and the kindred sciences and arts in the state of Michigan.”

**History:** 1895, Act 106, Eff. Aug. 30, 1895

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

#### **453.331 Michigan state horticultural society; legalization of acts.**

##### **Sec. 1.**

That all acts of the Michigan state horticultural society since its organization under and by virtue of Act No. 125 of the laws of Michigan of 1871, being “An act to provide for the incorporation of societies for the promotion of pomology, horticulture and the kindred sciences and arts in the state of Michigan,” with reference to acquiring property, and all things that said society may have done in and about its business, is hereby declared to be as legal and valid, as though its amended articles of association, by which the name of said society was changed had been regularly and properly filed with the secretary of state in accordance with the law.

**History:** 1895, Act 106, Eff. Aug. 30, 1895 ;-- CL 1915, 7886 ;-- CL 1929, 10244 ;-- CL 1948, 453.331

**Compiler's Notes:** For provisions of Act 125 of 1871, referred to in this section, see MCL 453.301 et seq.

## AGRICULTURAL FAIR ASSOCIATIONS

### Act 188 of 1921

AN ACT to require the secretary of agricultural or other fair associations receiving aid from public funds to make, publish and file fiscal reports.

**History:** 1921, Act 188, Eff. Aug. 18, 1921

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

#### **453.341 Report; contents.**

##### Sec. 1.

When an association, organized for the purpose of holding agricultural or other fairs or exhibitions in this state, receives a grant of public money from the state, or a county, city, village, or township, in aid of the fair or exhibition, the secretary of the association shall make a report of the fiscal transactions of the association covering the fiscal year including the receipts and expenditures relating to the annual fair or exhibition. The report shall consist of the following categories:

- (a) Revenues.
- (b) Salaries.
- (c) Prize moneys disbursed.
- (d) Improvements.
- (e) New equipment and property purchased.
- (f) Other expenditures.
- (g) Balance of funds in the treasury of the association.

**History:** 1921, Act 188, Eff. Aug. 18, 1921 ;-- CL 1929, 10245 ;-- CL 1948, 453.341 ;-- Am. 1972, Act 205, Imd. Eff. June 30, 1972 ;-- Am. 1975, Act 218, Imd. Eff. Aug. 26, 1975

#### **453.342 Report; certification, filing, and preservation; public inspection.**

##### Sec. 2.

The secretary shall certify to the report under oath and forward it to the department of agriculture at Lansing, for filing within 120 days after the close of the event, or June 30, whichever occurs first. The department of agriculture shall preserve the report in their files for 3 years, during which time it shall be available for public inspection.

**History:** 1921, Act 188, Eff. Aug. 18, 1921 ;-- CL 1929, 10246 ;-- CL 1948, 453.342 ;-- Am. 1972, Act 205, Imd. Eff. June 30, 1972 ;-- Am. 1975, Act 218, Imd. Eff. Aug. 26, 1975

#### **453.343 Report; effect of failure or refusal to file; false statement as perjury.**

##### Sec. 3.

If the secretary of an association fails or refuses to make or file the report, he shall be liable to a penalty of \$100.00 for each neglect or refusal, to be recovered by the prosecuting attorney of the county in which the association holds its fairs, in the name of the state. In addition to the penalty, the association shall not thereafter receive public moneys for its support and it shall be unlawful for a public officer to pay to an association so offending any public moneys, during the continuance of the failure to comply with this act. A person making a false statement in a report required by this act is guilty of perjury.

**History:** 1921, Act 188, Eff. Aug. 18, 1921 ;-- CL 1929, 10247 ;-- CL 1948, 453.343 ;-- Am. 1972, Act 205, Imd. Eff. June 30, 1972 ;-- Am. 1975, Act 218, Imd. Eff. Aug. 26, 1975

## **AGRICULTURAL AND HORTICULTURAL SOCIETIES**

### **Act 8 of 1862**

AN ACT to authorize agricultural and horticultural societies to issue bonds or other evidences of debt and to mortgage real estate for certain purposes.

**History:** 1862, Act 8, Imd. Eff. Jan. 15, 1862

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

#### **453.351 Agricultural and horticultural societies; bonds and obligations, issuance.**

##### **Sec. 1.**

It shall and may be lawful for any agricultural or horticultural society, duly organized as a corporation, by virtue of any law of this state, by the vote of 2/3 of all the directors or other officers having the management of the affairs of such society, to issue bonds or other evidences of debt, bearing interest at a rate not exceeding 7 per centum per annum, and to secure the payment of the same by a mortgage or mortgages upon the real estate of such society, or any part thereof, whenever necessary for the purpose of paying the purchase money of permanent grounds, or for buildings, or improvements made or to be made thereon; or to secure any moneys, which have been borrowed to meet the obligations of said society.

**History:** 1862, Act 8, Imd. Eff. Jan. 15, 1862 ;-- CL 1871, 2178 ;-- How. 2326 ;-- CL 1897, 5974 ;-- Am. 1913, Act 306, Eff. Aug. 14, 1913 ;-- CL 1915, 7852 ;-- CL 1929, 10248 ;-- CL 1948, 453.351

#### **453.352 Agricultural and horticultural societies; former mortgages, validity.**

##### **Sec. 2.**

Any mortgage which may have been heretofore executed by any such society, under its corporate seal, and under the hands of its president and secretary, in accordance with any vote or by-laws of such society, shall be valid and binding to all the intents and purposes in such mortgage expressed.

**History:** 1862, Act 8, Imd. Eff. Jan. 15, 1862 ;-- CL 1871, 2179 ;-- How. 2327 ;-- CL 1897, 5975 ;-- CL 1915, 7853 ;-- CL 1929, 10249 ;-- CL 1948, 453.352

## **PROTECTION OF FAIR GROUNDS AND EXHIBITIONS**

## Act 121 of 1873

AN ACT to enable agricultural and horticultural societies and horse fairs to extend a more perfect protection to their property and the property of exhibitors at fairs, and to allow the board of managers to appoint police for that purpose.

**History:** 1873, Act 121, Imd. Eff. Apr. 19, 1873

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

### **453.361 Agricultural, horticultural, industrial fair, exposition society or horse fair; policemen at exhibitions, appointment, powers and duties.**

#### Sec. 1.

That the board of managers, or executive committee of any agricultural, horticultural, industrial fair, exposition society or horse fair of this state, or any corporation organized under the laws of this state to hold any exposition or industrial fair, is hereby authorized to appoint as many citizens of this state policemen as shall be necessary for their exhibition, whose duty it shall be to preserve order within and around the grounds of said society or fair; to protect their property within said grounds; to eject all persons who shall be improperly within the grounds of said society, or who shall be guilty of disorderly conduct, or who shall refuse to pay the fee, or observe the rules prescribed by the society or fair. Said policemen shall have the same power during the time said exhibition shall continue that a constable may have by law in serving criminal process and making arrests, and in addition, may arrest any person for the commission of any offense mentioned in section 2 of this act.

**History:** 1873, Act 121, Imd. Eff. Apr. 19, 1873 ;-- How. 2323 ;-- Am. 1889, Act 270, Imd. Eff. July 5, 1889 ;-- CL 1897, 5971 ;-- CL 1915, 7849 ;-- CL 1929, 10250 ;-- CL 1948, 453.361

### **453.362 Fair grounds; property, injury or destruction, penalty.**

#### Sec. 2.

Any person who shall willfully injure or destroy the property of exhibitors, visitors, or lessees on the fair ground, or shall hinder or obstruct the officers and police in the discharge of their duties, or shall wrongfully or maliciously gain admission to the fair ground contrary to the rules of said society, or fair, or without paying the established fees during any fair of such society, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be subject to a fine of not less than 1 or more than 25 dollars, or imprisonment not exceeding 30 days, or such fine and imprisonment both, at the discretion of the court before whom the offender may be tried.

**History:** 1873, Act 121, Imd. Eff. Apr. 19, 1873 ;-- How. 2324 ;-- CL 1897, 5972 ;-- CL 1915, 7850 ;-- CL 1929, 10251 ;-- CL 1948, 453.362

## PROTECTION OF FAIRS AND EXHIBITIONS

### Act 220 of 1861

AN ACT vesting with police powers, marshals and their deputies, at state and county fairs.

**History:** 1861, Act 220, Eff. June 15, 1861

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

**453.371 Fair grounds; marshals and deputies, police powers.**

Sec. 1.

That all persons duly appointed or chosen as marshals, deputy marshals, or policemen, by the proper officers of any of the agricultural or horticultural societies of this state, and designated by appropriate badges, shall, as such marshals and policemen during the days of the fairs or exhibitions held by any of said societies be vested with the police powers of special constables in the township, village, or city in which such fairs or exhibitions are held.

**History:** 1861, Act 220, Eff. June 15, 1861 ;-- CL 1871, 2177 ;-- Am. 1879, Act 162, Eff. Aug. 30, 1879 ;-- How. 2325 ;-- CL 1897, 5973 ;-- CL 1915, 7851 ;-- CL 1929, 10252 ;-- CL 1948, 453.371

**MICHIGAN DAIRYMEN'S ASSOCIATION**

**Act 100 of 1895**

AN ACT to incorporate the Michigan dairymen's association.

**History:** 1895, Act 100, Imd. Eff. Apr. 26, 1895

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

**453.401 Michigan dairymen's association; incorporation.**

Sec. 1.

That a corporation may be organized under the provisions of this act for the purpose of securing the co-operation of dairymen and to promote the social, moral and business interests of its members.

**History:** 1895, Act 100, Imd. Eff. Apr. 26, 1895 ;-- CL 1897, 5984 ;-- CL 1915, 7887 ;-- CL 1929, 10253 ;-- CL 1948, 453.401

**453.402 Dairymen's association; incorporators; articles of association, filing.**

Sec. 2.

Any 5 or more persons who are at present members of the Michigan dairymen's association, who may desire to become incorporated for the purposes set forth in section 1, may execute under their hands and acknowledge before some person within this state authorized to take acknowledgment of deeds, 1 or more duplicate articles of agreement, as hereinafter specified, 1 copy whereof shall be filed and recorded in the office of the secretary of state, and upon the execution and acknowledgment of such articles, the signers thereof and those who may thereafter become associated with them, shall become a body politic and corporate for the purposes set forth in said articles.

**History:** 1895, Act 100, Imd. Eff. Apr. 26, 1895 ;-- CL 1897, 5985 ;-- CL 1915, 7888 ;-- CL 1929, 10254 ;-- CL 1948, 453.402

#### **453.403 Dairymen's association; articles, contents.**

##### **Sec. 3.**

The articles of such association shall contain:

First, The names of the persons associating and the places of their residence;

Second, The name of such association and the place of its business office, which shall be at the place of residence of the secretary;

Third, The object and purposes of such association, which shall be to secure the co-operation of dairymen and to promote the social, moral and business interests of its members, and the period for which it is incorporated, not exceeding 30 years;

Fourth, The number of directors and regular officers and the time of holding its annual meeting: Provided, however, That such association may, in its articles of association, or by-laws, provide for and appoint other meetings thereof, than the annual meeting, to be held when and where the association may from time to time designate and appoint;

Fifth, The terms and conditions of membership therein.

**History:** 1895, Act 100, Imd. Eff. Apr. 26, 1895 ;-- CL 1897, 5986 ;-- CL 1915, 7889 ;-- CL 1929, 10255 ;-- CL 1948, 453.403

#### **453.404 Dairymen's association; constitution, by-laws, rules.**

##### **Sec. 4.**

Said corporation shall have full power and authority to make and establish a constitution, by-laws, rules and regulations, not in conflict with the laws of this state, and to alter and amend the same.

**History:** 1895, Act 100, Imd. Eff. Apr. 26, 1895 ;-- CL 1897, 5987 ;-- CL 1915, 7890 ;-- CL 1929, 10256 ;-- CL 1948, 453.404

#### **453.405 Dairymen's association; executive committee and officers, selection, residence.**

##### **Sec. 5.**

The affairs of said corporation shall be managed by the executive committee and officers of said association, to be chosen for such period and in such manner as the by-laws of such association shall provide, and who shall hold their offices until their successors are chosen and qualified. The officers shall be chosen in conformity to the by-laws of such association, adopted and changed by the members as the articles or by-laws may prescribe, not inconsistent with said articles of association. All officers and members, except honorary members of such association, shall be residents of the state of Michigan.

**History:** 1895, Act 100, Imd. Eff. Apr. 26, 1895 ;-- CL 1897, 5988 ;-- CL 1915, 7891 ;-- CL 1929, 10257 ;-- CL 1948, 453.405

#### **453.406 Dairymen's association; powers; funds, investment and use.**

##### **Sec. 6.**

Said corporation may sue or be sued, take by gift, purchase or devise, property, exclusive of that actually used and necessary for the transaction of its business, to an amount not to exceed 10,000 dollars, and it shall be lawful to

invest the same upon mortgage, or in or by loan on bonds, of any city, county, state, or in government securities, or deposited at some bank, or with any broker in this state, upon such bank or broker giving sufficient security for the repayment thereof: Provided, That any such proposition may in its articles of agreement specify the kind of securities in which its funds shall be invested, and that no part of its funds shall be invested in any securities other than those named in its articles, or when the securities shall not be specified in the articles of agreement, then such funds shall only be invested in such securities as shall be specified in this act: And provided further, That said articles of association shall specify the use to which said moneys and income thereof shall be appropriated, and the same shall be applied exclusively to such purpose and to no other.

**History:** 1895, Act 100, Imd. Eff. Apr. 26, 1895 ;-- CL 1897, 5989 ;-- CL 1915, 7892 ;-- CL 1929, 10258 ;-- CL 1948, 453.406

## **MICHIGAN DAIRYMEN'S ASSOCIATION**

### **Act 263 of 1909**

453.451, 453.452 Repealed. 2002, Act 87, Imd. Eff. Mar. 26, 2002.

## **MICHIGAN DAIRYMEN'S ASSOCIATION**

### **Act 41 of 1887**

AN ACT to provide for the publication of the proceedings of the Michigan dairymen's association.

**History:** 1887, Act 41, Imd. Eff. Mar. 21, 1887

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

### **453.461 Dairymen's association; annual report to secretary of state; proceedings, publication and distribution.**

#### **Sec. 1.**

That it shall be the duty of the secretary of the Michigan dairymen's association to make and transmit to the secretary of state a report of the annual meeting and transactions of said association, including copies of papers read at such meetings, and of facts collected relating to the objects of the association, immediately after said meeting, and the secretary of state shall cause to be printed 3,000 copies of said report printed in similar form as the reports of the state agricultural society, and forwarded to the secretary of said Michigan dairymen's association for distribution.

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