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APPROPRIATIONS

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the administration of county fairs, by
2 appropriating and distributing state aid for the fairs.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 174.9, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code
2 1995, is amended to read as follows:

3 Each eligible society which is a member of the association
4 of Iowa fairs and which conducts a county fair shall be
5 entitled to receive aid from the state ~~if-it-files~~ as provided
6 in this chapter. In order to be eligible for state aid, a
7 society must file with the state-fair-board treasurer of state
8 on or before November 1 of each year, a sworn statement which
9 shall show:

10 Sec. 2. Section 174.9, subsection 4, Code 1995, is amended
11 to read as follows:

12 4. A copy of the published financial statement published
13 as required by law, together with proof of such publication
14 and a certified statement showing an itemized list of premiums
15 awarded, and such other information as the ~~state-fair-board~~
16 treasurer of state may require.

17 Sec. 3. Section 174.10, Code Supplement 1995, is amended
18 to read as follows:

19 ~~1:--The-appropriation-which-is-made-biennially-for-state~~
20 ~~aid-to-the-foregoing-societies-shall-be-available-and~~
21 ~~applicable-to-incorporated-societies-of-a-purely-agricultural~~
22 ~~nature-which-were-entitled-to-draw-eight-hundred-fifty-dollars~~
23 ~~or-more-state-aid-in-1926,or-societies-located-in-counties~~
24 ~~that-have-no-other-fair-or-agricultural-society,-and-which~~
25 ~~were-in-existence-and-drew-state-aid-in-1926,-except-that-in-a~~
26 ~~county-where-there-are-two-definitely-separate-county~~
27 ~~extension-offices,-two-agricultural-societies-may-receive~~
28 ~~state-aid.--The-provisions-of-section-174.1-as-to-ownership-of~~
29 ~~property-shall-not-apply-to-societies-under-this-section:~~

30 2: 1. In counties having two incorporated agricultural
31 societies conducting county fairs, but not having two
32 definitely separate county extension offices, the state aid
33 shall be prorated between the two societies or, if There is
34 appropriated from the general fund of the state for each
35 fiscal year, the amount of four hundred ninety-five thousand

1 dollars to the treasurer of state for purposes of providing
2 state aid to eligible societies to support county fairs.

3 2. Each county shall receive an equal share of the moneys
4 to support one or more societies conducting one or more county
5 fairs in that county, if the society or societies are eligible
6 for the state aid. Moneys shall be paid directly to each
7 eligible society.

8 3. The association of Iowa fairs shall provide the
9 treasurer of state with a list of each society in a county
10 which is a member of the association and conducts a fair in
11 that county as provided in this chapter. If a county has more
12 than one fair, the association shall list the name of each
13 society conducting a fair in that county for three or more
14 years. The treasurer of state shall not authorize payment of
15 state aid to a society, unless the society complies with
16 section 174.9 and the name of the society appears on the
17 association's list.

18 4. If a county has more than one fair eligible for state
19 aid, the amount of state aid for that county shall be divided
20 equally among the eligible societies in that county.

21 5. If no society in a county qualifies to receive state
22 aid, that county's share shall be divided equally among the
23 counties with societies eligible for state aid, as provided in
24 this section.

25 6. If an official county fair is designated by election,
26 the total amount of state aid for that county shall be paid to
27 that society determined to be conducting the official county
28 fair. The board of supervisors, upon receiving a petition
29 which meets the requirements of section 331.306, shall submit
30 to the registered voters of the county at the next general
31 election following submission of the petition or at a special
32 election if requested by the petitioners at no cost to the
33 county, the question of which fair shall be designated as the
34 official county fair. Notice of the election shall be given
35 as provided in section 49.53. The fair receiving a majority

1 of the votes cast on the question shall be designated the
2 official county fair. ~~To qualify as the official county fair,~~
3 ~~the sponsoring society need not meet the conditions provided~~
4 ~~in subsection 1.~~

5 Sec. 4. Section 174.12, Code 1995, is amended to read as
6 follows:

7 174.12 PAYMENT OF STATE AID.

8 The director department of revenue and finance shall issue
9 a warrant to any a society for the amount due as in state aid,
10 less one five hundred dollars, as provided the secretary of
11 the state in this chapter. The fair board certifies treasurer
12 of state must certify to the director department that such the
13 society has complied with the law relative thereto and that a
14 named is eligible under this chapter to receive the amount is
15 due the society provided in section 174.10. The director
16 department shall issue a like warrant to the society for one
17 the remaining five hundred dollars, provided the if all of the
18 following apply:

19 1. The secretary of the state fair board certifies to the
20 department that such the society had an accredited delegate in
21 attendance at the annual convention for the election of
22 members of the state fair board as provided in section 173.2.

23 2. A district director of the association of Iowa fairs
24 representing the district in which the county is located, and
25 the director of the Iowa state fair board representing the
26 congressional district in which the county is located, certify
27 to the department that the society had an accredited delegate
28 in attendance at the district meeting.

29 Sec. 5. Section 174.11, Code 1995, is repealed.

30 EXPLANATION

31 This bill amends a number of provisions in chapter 174,
32 which relates to county and district fairs, and specifically
33 provisions which provide for the appropriation and allocation
34 of state aid to organizations referred to as societies which
35 administer county fairs.

1 Current law provides that state aid is authorized by the
2 secretary of the state fair board and paid biennially to
3 societies based upon a formula calculating premiums paid by
4 county fairs. The amount is limited to \$2,000. Current law
5 also provides that the department of revenue and finance must
6 pay \$100 of the aid amount only after the department receives
7 a certification by the secretary of the Iowa state fair board
8 that the society has attended the annual state convention.

9 This bill requires that a society be a member of the
10 association of Iowa fairs. It provides that the state
11 treasurer is responsible for authorizing payment of state aid.
12 The bill appropriates from the general fund of the state for
13 each fiscal year, the amount of \$495,000 to the state
14 treasurer for purposes of allocating an equal share of state
15 aid to each county. The association of Iowa fairs must
16 provide the state treasurer with a list of each society which
17 is a member of the association and conducts a fair in that
18 county. If a county has more than one fair, the association
19 must list the name of each society conducting a fair in that
20 county for three or more years. The amount of state aid for a
21 county having more than one fair is prorated among the
22 societies in that county which have conducted fairs in that
23 county for three or more years. If a county is not eligible
24 to receive state aid, the bill requires that the county's
25 share be divided equally among the counties with societies
26 qualifying for state aid. Finally, the bill increases the
27 amount required to be paid to a society based on attendance at
28 an annual convention and district meeting to \$500. In
29 addition, the bill requires that a district director of the
30 association of Iowa fairs and a director of the Iowa state
31 fair board representing the county where the society is
32 located must certify that the society attended a district
33 meeting.

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