

*and be held in the name of such school district. Every library and reading room established hereunder shall be free to the use of the inhabitants of the school district, subject to such reasonable regulations as the directors may adopt.*

*When so established, no such library shall be abandoned without a 2/3 majority vote of the electors cast at any annual or special school meeting called for the purpose.*

*When so established, in cases where the building has been erected with funds so donated, no such library shall be abandoned without a 2/3 majority vote of the electors cast at any annual or special school meeting called for the purpose."*

Approved April 16, 1929.

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#### CHAPTER 211—S. F. No. 609

*An act to amend General Statutes 1923, Section 7886, as amended by Chapter 47, Laws 1925, relating to state aid to agricultural societies and associations.*

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

**Section 1. Aid to county agricultural societies.**—That General Statutes 1923, Section 7886, as amended by Chapter 47, Laws 1925, be amended to read as follows:

"7886. All sums hereafter appropriated to aid county and district agricultural societies and associations, shall be distributed to the following named agricultural societies, or associations: Aitkin County Agricultural Society, Anoka County Agricultural Society, Becker County Agricultural Society and Fair Association, Beltrami County Agricultural Association, Benton County Agricultural Society, Bigstone County Agricultural Society, Blue Earth County Agricultural Society, Brown County Agricultural Society, Carlton County Agricultural and Industrial Association, Carver County Agricultural Society, Cass County Agricultural Society, Chippewa County Driving Park and Fair Association, Chisago County Agricultural Society, Clay County Agricultural Association, Clearwater County Agricultural Society, Cook County Agricultural Society, Cottonwood Agricultural Society, Crow Wing County Agricultural Society, Dakota County Agricultural Society, Dodge County Agri-

cultural Association, Douglas County Fair Association, Fairbault County Agricultural Society, Fillmore County Agricultural Society, Freeborn County Agricultural Society, Goodhue County Agricultural Society and Mechanic Institute, Grant County Agricultural Association, Hennepin County Agricultural Society, Houston County Agricultural Society, Hubbard County Agricultural Association, Isanti County Agricultural Society, Itasca County Agricultural Society, Jackson County Fair Association, Kanabec County Agricultural Society, Kandiyohi County Agricultural Society, Kittson County Agricultural Society, Koochiching County Agricultural Association, Lac qui Parle County Agricultural Society, Lake County Agricultural Society, LeSueur County Agricultural Society, Lincoln County Agricultural Society and Fair Association, Lyon County Agricultural Society, McLeod County Agricultural Association, Mahnomen County Agricultural Society, Marshall County Agricultural Association, Martin County Agricultural Society, Meeker County Agricultural Society, Mille Lacs County Agricultural Society, Morrison County Agricultural Society, Mower County Agricultural Society, Murray County Agricultural Society, Nicollet County Agricultural Society, Nobles County Fair Association, Norman County Agricultural Society, Olmsted County Agricultural Association, Ottertail County Agricultural Society and Fair Association, Pennington County Agricultural Society, Pine County Agricultural Society, Pipestone County Agricultural Society, Northwestern Minnesota Agricultural Society, Pope County Agricultural Society, Ramsey County Agricultural Society, Red Lake County Agricultural Society, Redwood County Agricultural Society, Renville County Agricultural Society, Rice County Agricultural Society, Rock County Agricultural Society, Roseau County Agricultural Society, St. Louis County Agricultural Society, Scott County Agricultural Society, Sherburne County Agricultural Society, Sibley County Agricultural Association, Stearns County Agricultural Society, Steele County Agricultural Society, Stevens County Agricultural Society, Swift County Agricultural Society, Todd County Agricultural Society, Traverse County Agricultural Association, Wabasha County Agricultural Society, Wadena County Agricultural Society, Waseca County Agricultural Society, Watonwan County Agricultural Society, Wilkin County Agricultural Society and Fair Association, Winona County Agricultural Society and Industrial Fair Association, Wright County Agricultural Society, Yellow Medicine County Agricultural Society, Perham Agricultural Society, Farmers' Co-operative Agricultural Society of Waconia, Scott County Good Seed Association and Farmers' Agricultural Society, Mankato Fair and Blue Earth County Agricultural Association, Faribault Agricultural and Fair Association, Polk

County Agricultural Fair Association, Traverse County Agricultural Fair Association, St. Vincent Union Industrial Association, Cass County Agricultural Association, Shell Prairie Agricultural Association, Cannon Valley Agricultural Association, Morrison County Agricultural Fair Association, and Washington County Agricultural Society, Northern Minnesota District Fair Association, and Lake of the Woods County Fair Association, Baudette and St. Louis County Community Fair Association, when not receiving specific state appropriations, pro rata, to be paid out in premiums at the fairs of only such society or association as have an annual membership of twenty-five or more, maintain an active existence, hold annual fairs on enclosed grounds owned or leased by such societies and associations; provided, that they shall have paid out in premiums to exhibitors during the year as much as they received from the state, and provided further that no such county or district agricultural society shall receive in any year from the state for the purpose of reimbursing it for the amount of premiums paid at its fairs, a sum in excess of seventeen (\$1,700) dollars. Such pro rata distribution shall be in accordance with the following method; the premiums paid out by the said societies or associations, after excluding therefrom the payments made for horse races, ball games and amusement features of any nature as hereinafter provided, shall be added together, but in case any society or association shall have paid out a sum in excess of \$1,700 in making such total amount the sum of \$1,700 shall be taken in place of the amount actually paid out. The total amount available for distribution shall be divided by such total amount of premiums paid out and the rate per cent for distribution thus arrived at, but if this shall exceed 100% the same shall be reduced to 100%. The amount of the premiums so paid out by each society shall then be multiplied by this rate, and the amount each society shall receive shall be in that manner determined, but the sum of \$1,700 shall be so multiplied by the rate in case of any society which shall have actually paid out in a sum in excess of \$1,700. All payments authorized under the provisions of this act shall be made only upon the filing by the public examiner with the state auditor a certificate of examination, in which the public examiner shall certify that he has caused an examination to be made of the records and accounts of such agricultural society making application for state aid and that it has in every respect complied with the requirements of this act relating to state aid. Upon receipt of such certificate of examination by the public examiner it shall be the duty of the state auditor to draw his voucher in favor of such agricultural society for the amount to which it is entitled under the pro rata distribution of any appropriations made for the purpose of state aid to such societies.

It shall be the duty of the public examiner to prescribe uniform forms and methods of accounting to be used by agricultural societies and no such society shall be entitled to state aid under the provisions of this act unless it has complied with the orders and instructions of the public examiner with respect to the use of the accounting forms and methods so prescribed by the public examiner.

Any county or district agricultural society which may have held its second annual fair shall be entitled to share pro rata in such distribution. The state auditor shall certify to the secretary of the State Agricultural Society on or before January 5th of each year a list of all county or district agricultural societies that have complied with this act, and which are entitled to share in such appropriation. All payments hereunder shall be made on or before December 20th, on the year in which the fair is held, provided, however, that in determining the amount to be paid to any society or association under this section, the state auditor shall exclude all payments made by such society or associations as premiums or purses for, or in horse races, ball games and amusement features of any nature."

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#### CHAPTER 212—S. F. No. 459

*An act making it unlawful to falsely charge any banking concern with actual or threatened insolvency, defining the crime of slander as pertaining thereto, terming the same a gross misdemeanor and prescribing the punishment therefor.*

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

**Section 1. Certain statements to be unlawful.**—It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to falsely and maliciously state, utter, publish or cause to be falsely and maliciously stated, uttered, or published, any report, rumor or statement directly or indirectly tending to disclose that any bank, public or savings institution is in an existing or probable insolvent financial condition.

**Sec. 2. Violation a gross misdemeanor.**—Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of Section 1 hereof