

1888, art. 23, sec. 15. 1868, ch. 471, sec. 15.

**16.** *Class 2.* For the creation and maintenance of mechanics' institutes, co-operative stores or societies, libraries, public reading or lecture rooms, medical societies, public hotels, public baths, dairy associations and agricultural or horticultural societies, fairs, or exhibitions, and companies for the packing of fruits, vegetables and other things; provided, such corporations are located in this State, and the property they possess or acquire is located therein.

1892, ch. 670. 1894, ch. 420, sec. 1.

**17.** *Class 2A.* With the view of promoting, encouraging and fostering agriculture in this State, the sum of five thousand dollars is hereby appropriated annually for the purpose of aiding the agricultural fair associations now existing, or those which may hereafter be organized in this State, to be equally divided among said fair associations and to be paid them by the treasurer upon the warrant of the comptroller by said associations complying with the provisions of section 17 *Class 2A* to section 17 *Class 2D*, inclusive.

*Ibid.* sec. 2.

*Class 2B.* Any county in this State, whose citizens shall subscribe for and pay up a capital stock of not less than ten thousand dollars, or shall acquire and pay for real estate and improvements thereon to the value of not less than ten thousand dollars, and shall be duly incorporated under the laws of this State as a fair association, upon filing with the comptroller a certified copy of the certificate of incorporation and the affidavit of the president of such association that the stock has been fully paid up or the property acquired and paid for to the amount herein required, shall be entitled to the benefits of section 17 to 17 *Class 2D*; provided that but one association in each county shall be entitled to the benefits derived under said section.

*Ibid.* sec. 3.

*Class 2c.* No existing association or any which may hereafter be formed in this State, for the purpose of holding agricultural fairs shall be entitled to the benefits of said section, which has five hundred dollars surplus in its treasury, or has, within the year preceding the application by it for the payment of any share of the money hereby appropriated, declared a dividend to its stockholders.