

engaged in agriculture and the raising of improved breed of stock and farm produce to exhibit their products, and

Preamble. WHEREAS, such exhibitions in the past have been highly beneficial to the development and progress of the farming interest and thereby contributing to the taxable basis of personal property in this State, and

Preamble. WHEREAS, the prosperity of all other industries depends in a great measure upon agriculture; therefor

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That 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 that 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 of the treasury, by said associations complying with the provisions of this act.

Appropriation for agricultural societies

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That any county in this State, whose citizens shall subscribe for and pay up a capital stock of not less than ten thousand dollars and shall be duly incorporated under the laws of this State, upon filing a certificate copy of the certificate incorporation and the affidavit of the president of said association that the stock has been fully paid up to the amount herein required, with the comptroller, shall be entitled to the benefits of this act, provided, that but one association in each county shall be entitled to the benefits derived under this act.

What societies entitled under this act.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That no existing association nor any that may hereafter be formed in this State, for the purpose of holding agricultural fairs, shall be entitled to the benefits of this act, that 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.

Which ones not entitled.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* That any existing association in this State or that may hereafter be organized, desiring to avail itself of the provisions of this act is hereby required to forward to the comptroller of the treasury on or before the first Monday of December in each year, a statement under the hand of its president, attested by the treasurer and the corporate seal of said association, giving in detail

Associations hereafter formed.