

the association hereinbefore expressed; and shall ordain and establish such by-laws and regulations, not contrary to the laws of this State, or this act, as shall be necessary or convenient for conducting the affairs of the corporation.

Right of membership.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That any person may become a member of the association, by signing his name in a book to be kept for enrolling the names of its members, paying an admission fee of one dollar, and such yearly contribution as the association may levy; *Provided*, that the association may by by-laws, change the mode of membership.

Proviso.

Officers.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the officers of the association shall be a President, eleven Vice Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, an executive committee, consisting of twelve members, and a board of managers of five members of the association, and that the persons named in the first section of this act, now holding corresponding offices in said society, called the Agricultural and Mechanical Association of Washington county, shall be the officers of the corporation created by this act, until the first Saturday of January, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-five, at which time, and annually thereafter, the said offices shall be filled by election from among the members of the association, and notice of the time and place of every such election shall be given in one or more newspapers published in Washington county, at least three weeks prior to such election, and at every such election, each member of the association shall be entitled to one vote in the election of each and every officer.

By-laws.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That the persons named in the first section of this act, shall immediately after the passage of this act, prepare such by-laws or regulations as they may deem necessary or convenient for conducting the affairs of the corporation, to be submitted to the members of the association for adoption, at a meeting thereof to be called by the President of the association at as early a day as practicable, not exceeding three months from the date of the passage of this act, and the same notice of the time and place of such meeting shall be given, as is provided in the second section of this act, for the annual election of officers of the association, and in such by-laws shall be prescribed the powers, duties, and responsibilities of the several officers of the association, and the mode in which vacancies occurring in any of the offices of the association shall be filled, and at any general meeting of the association