



# LAWS OF ALASKA

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## AN ACT

Relating to agricultural and industrial fairs.

### BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

\* Section 1. AS 03.20.010 is amended to read:

Sec. 03.20.010. STATE AID. The state may grant aid to agricultural and industrial fair associations, incorporated under the laws of the state, to assist in the (1) operation and maintenance and (2) capital improvements of annual agricultural and industrial fairs.

\* Sec. 2. AS 03.20.020 is amended to read:

Sec. 03.20.020. AMOUNT AND CONDITIONS OF AID. (a) Fairs may be held each year in each of the house election districts and state aid for the operation and maintenance of the fairs may not exceed the sum of \$25,000 each for fairs having an annual event the 10 previous years and may not exceed \$8,000 for other fairs held annually. The people of each district sponsoring a fair are not eligible for state aid unless they subscribe to spend from their own funds for that purpose an amount equal to the amount of the state aid and have or organize an agricultural and industrial fair association for the operation and maintenance of the fairs. Each fair receiving state aid is open to entries by the people of the whole state and special provision shall be made for exhibits from boys' and girls' clubs.

(b) An agricultural and industrial fair association qualifying for and applying for operation and maintenance grants may also apply for capital improvement grants.

\* Sec. 3. AS 03.20.030 is amended to read:

Sec. 03.20.030. APPLICATION FOR AND GRANTING OF OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE AID. (a) Each agricultural and industrial fair association desiring to apply for an operation and maintenance grant shall apply to the commissioner before August 1 of the year preceding the fiscal year for which the grant is sought. It shall submit with the application a planned program of operation and maintenance of the proposed fair, the rules and regulations governing the fair, and a certificate signed by the president and secretary of the association, certifying that the association will spend for the proposed fair, a sum of money from their own funds equal in amount to the benefits requested under this chapter. When satisfied that the association is entitled to receive state aid under the provisions of this chapter, the commissioner shall have a warrant drawn in favor of the association, in the sum to which it is entitled. The commissioner shall pay annually the sum to be paid under the provisions of this chapter.

(b) The commissioner shall require each association receiving state operation and maintenance aid to furnish receipts for money paid to them. The commissioner may prescribe the form of the receipt. Each association shall furnish a statement executed and acknowledged by the president and secretary, covering the disbursements by the association of all operation and maintenance funds, for fairs held under this chapter. The statement shall definitely set forth that wherever any state aid money has been disbursed that a like amount of fair association fund money has been expended and that in no instance has the expenditure of state money exceeded the expenditure of fair association money. The association shall make a full report of receipts and expenditures including the sums expended for prizes and awards to the commissioner and this report shall be transmitted to the next legislature.

(c) A sum equal to at least 25 per cent of the state operation and maintenance aid received under this chapter shall be used for premiums or transportation cost of exhibits.

\* Sec. 4. AS 03.20 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Sec. 03.20.035. APPLICATION FOR AND GRANTING OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AID. (a) Each agricultural and industrial fair association desiring to apply for a capital improvement grant shall apply to the commissioner before August 1 of the year preceding the fiscal year for which the grant is sought. It shall submit with the application a proposed long-term capital improvement plan of the fair covering five years from the time the application is submitted, which shall be certified by the president and secretary of the association as having been reviewed and approved by the governing body of the association. When satisfied that the association is entitled to receive state aid under the provisions of this section, the commissioner shall have a warrant drawn in favor of the association, in the sum to which it is entitled.

(b) Each association receiving state capital

improvement aid shall furnish receipts to the commissioner for money paid to them. The commissioner shall prescribe the form of the receipt. The association shall make a full report of its receipts and expenditures made for capital improvements and this report shall be transmitted to the next legislature following the receipts and expenditures.

\* Sec. 5. AS 03.20.050 is amended to read:

Sec. 03.20.050. MORE THAN ONE ASSOCIATION AND FAIR PERMITTED. Nothing in this chapter prohibits the formation of more than one agricultural and industrial fair association in each house election district or the holding of an agricultural and industrial fair in several places in each district. When more than one association is formed in a house election district or when a fair is held in more than one place in the district, the minimum operational aid is \$250. When more than one association applies for the benefits of this chapter, the commissioner shall divide the money allotted to the district among the applicants in proportion to the amount justified at the time of application.

\* Sec. 6. AS 03.20.060 is amended to read:

Sec. 03.20.060. EXPENDITURE OF AID FOR NONPERISHABLE EXHIBITS. The commissioner may require an association to expend not more than 10 per cent of the state operation and maintenance aid granted, for the purpose of buying nonperishable exhibits. Those exhibits shall be held by the association subject to the order of the commissioner.

\* Sec. 7. AS 03.20.070 is amended to read:

Sec. 03.20.070. FUNDS TO BE RETURNED IF UNEXPENDED OR IF NO FAIR HELD. (a) If an association has received state operation and maintenance funds under this chapter and fails to hold a fair in accordance with its program, or does not disburse all of the state funds paid to it for that purpose, the association shall return those funds, or the unexpended portions, to the department within 60 days after the date set for such fair. If an association fails to comply with this section the attorney general shall institute proceedings to recover the funds.

(b) If an association has received state capital improvement funds under this chapter and fails to expend them within five years for capital improvements designated in its long-term capital improvement plan in effect at the time of the grant, the commissioner may, after investigation, require that the unexpended funds be returned to the department.