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AN ACT

Creating a State Board of Agriculture a Department of
Agriculture and defining their relations duties and
authorities

1 Section 1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Repre-*
2 *sentatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly*
3 *met and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same That*
4 a State Board of Agriculture be created to be composed
5 of one representative from each county who shall be an
6 experienced farmer who shall operate a farm and who
7 shall be elected at an election held in the commissioners
8 office at the county seat the first Tuesday in December
9 one thousand nine hundred and nineteen at ten o'clock
10 ante meridian and at that hour and on that day every fourth
11 year thereafter by any chartered agricultural associations
12 composed of twenty or more members of each county
13 each of which shall be entitled to one vote including
14 the Pomona Grange of the county and each of which shall
15 under existing laws be entitled to receive appropriations

1 from the Commonwealth or the county for the promotion
2 of agriculture or for the payment of premiums awarded
3 at Agricultural Horticultural or Livestock exhibitions the
4 minimum of which premiums paid shall amount to two
5 hundred and fifty dollars (\$250) annually and one repre-
6 sentative from each of the following State organizations
7 Pennsylvania Breeders and Dairymens Association State Hor-
8 ticultural Association of Pennsylvania Pennsylvania State
9 Poultry Society Pennsylvania Bee Keepers Association Penn-
10 sylvania Potato Growers Association and whose election
11 shall be approved by a majority of the State Board of
12 Agriculture and who shall serve for a term of four
13 years commencing on the first Monday of January follow-
14 ing said election or until his successor is duly qualified
15 The President of State College shall be exofficio a mem-
16 ber of the State Board of Agriculture Any vacancies by
17 death resignation or otherwise shall be filled for the
18 unexpired term at a special election called by the clerk
19 of the county commissioners who shall certify the election
20 of all members of the State Board of Agriculture under
21 the seal of the county

22 Section 2 The State Board of Agriculture shall meet
23 twice a year in January and October The January meet-
24 ing shall be held at Harrisburg in the State Capitol the
25 second week in January and the October meeting the
26 last full week in October at such place within the State
27 as the board may elect at its January meeting

28 Section 3 The officers of the State Board of Agricul-
29 ture shall be a president a first a second and a third

1 vice president a secretary and an executive committee of
2 seven members The Governor of the State shall be ex-
3 officio the president and shall preside at the opening ses-
4 sion of each January meeting until the three vice presi-
5 dents are elected and whenever he may be present

6 Section 4 The three vice-presidents shall be elected an-
7 nually at the opening session of the January meeting by
8 a majority vote of the members present and voting The
9 one receiving the highest number of votes shall be the
10 first vice-president the one receiving the second highest
11 number of votes the second vice-president and the one
12 receiving the third highest number of votes the third vice-
13 president in the absence of the Governor one of said
14 vice-presidents shall preside at the meeting of the Board

15 Section 5 The Secretary of Agriculture shall be the
16 secretary of the State Board He shall keep accurate
17 minutes of all the transactions of the board at its vari-
18 ous sessions and shall include such minutes and reports
19 of the various bureaus of the department and specialists
20 as the board may direct in the annual report and shall
21 when requested call special meetings of said board

22 Section 6 The executive committee shall consist of
23 seven members who shall be elected by a majority vote
24 of the members present and voting from duly nominated
25 candidates The two receiving the highest number of votes
26 shall serve for four years the two receiving the next
27 highest number of votes for three years the two receiv-
28 ing the third highest number of votes for two years
29 and the one receiving the fourth highest number of votes

1 for one year one or two members of the executive com-
2 mittee as the case may be shall thereafter annually be
3 elected for a term of four years

4 Section 7 The executive committee shall perform all
5 duties delegated to it by the board and by law Each
6 member shall receive a per diem pay of ten dollars
7 (\$10.00) and necessary expenses for the actual time re-
8 quired in attending meetings and shall subscribe to the
9 oath of office as prescribed in article seven of the Con-
10 stitution of the State

11 Section 8 During the January meeting of the board
12 the executive committee shall meet for organization and
13 elect one of their number chairman who shall preside at
14 the meetings of the executive committee and one of their
15 number secretary who shall keep accurate minutes of all
16 the transactions of the executive committee which minutes
17 shall be open at all times for inspection by the mem-
18 bers of the State board Thereafter the committee shall
19 meet once a month and whenever the Secretary of Agri-
20 culture shall deem a meeting necessary Vacancies by death
21 resignation or otherwise shall be filled as hereinbefore
22 provided at the annual meetings of the said board for
23 the unexpired term

24 Section 9 The Governor for the purpose of organiz-
25 ing a Department of Agriculture for the Commonwealth
26 shall with the advice and consent of the Senate appoint
27 a Secretary of Agriculture who shall be the executive
28 officer of the executive committee and shall be a person
29 of practical scientific agricultural and business training and

1 who shall hold office for a term of four years and re-
2 ceive a salary of six thousand dollars (\$6,000) per year
3 and expenses

4 Section 10 The Secretary of Agriculture shall with the
5 approval of a majority of the executive committee appoint
6 a deputy secretary of agriculture who shall be a farmer
7 with practical and scientific knowledge and experience in
8 agricultural work a Dairy and Food Commissioner who
9 shall have practical experience in the manufacture of dairy
10 and food products an Economic Zoologist who shall have
11 the necessary scientific training and the practical experi-
12 ence to enable him to assist the farmers and fruit
13 growers and all others in need of his assistance in
14 curbing and exterminating all insects bacterial and fungus
15 life inimical to their industries and in the development
16 of similar life friendly to these arts a State Veterinarian
17 who shall be a graduate of a reputable veterinary col-
18 lege and who shall have had ten years practical experi-
19 ence in the practice of this profession a Manager of a
20 Bureau of Markets who shall have practical experience in
21 co-operative buying and selling for producers and consum-
22 ers and a Manager of Demonstration Farms who shall
23 have practical experience of farm management and soil and
24 crop adaptations a Chief Chemist competent to analyze
25 soils fertilizers feed stuffs paints oils gasoline kerosene et
26 cetera and a competent Statistician who shall be Chief of
27 the Bureau of Statistics and Information each of whom

1 shall receive a salary of not over four thousand dollars
2 (\$4,000) a year and necessary expenses

3 Section 11 The Secretary of Agriculture with the ap-
4 proval of a majority of the executive committee shall ap-
5 point all other deputies assistant clerks demonstrators in-
6 structors inspectors employes et cetera necessary for carry-
7 ing into effect the provisions of this and germane acts
8 and shall fix the salaries of those not fixed by law

9 Section 12 In case of disagreement between the Secre-
10 tary and a majority of the executive committee in nam-
11 ing any of the appointees of the said Department of Ag-
12 riculture a majority of the committee shall within thirty
13 days after such disagreement call a special meeting of
14 the Board of Agriculture which shall by a majority vote
15 of the members elected fill by appointment any or all
16 appointive offices in which the Secretary of Agriculture
17 and the executive committee have failed to agree Special
18 meetings of the State Board may also be called by a
19 majority of the duly elected members of the State Board
20 petitioning any one of the vice-presidents to call such a
21 meeting the purpose of which meeting shall be stated in
22 the petition Any of those officials so appointed may for
23 inefficiency immorality or insubordination be removed from
24 their official positions by the Secretary and a majority of
25 the executive committee

26 Section 13 The Secretary of Agriculture shall regulate
27 the Department in accordance with law

28 Section 14 The Deputy Secretary under the direction of
29 the Secretary and the Manager of the Extension Depart-

1 ment of the State College under the direction of the
2 President of the College shall jointly have charge of and
3 be the Directors of the Farmers Institutes and all other
4 meetings held under the auspices of the Department of
5 Agriculture and the Extension Department of State College
6 in the various counties of the State and all agricultural
7 extensions and demonstrations work done by the Depart-
8 ment and the College shall be directed co-operatively by
9 the Deputy Secretary and the Manager of the Extension
10 Department of the State College

11 Section 15 The members of the State Board of Agri-
12 culture shall have charge of and be the managers of
13 the Farmers Institutes and all other meetings held under
14 the auspices of the said Department in the respective
15 counties They shall meet with the representatives of all
16 duly organized agricultural associations of their respective
17 counties at the office of the county commissioners the
18 second Tuesday in June to select places for holding the
19 Farmers Institutes

20 Section 16 The member of the State Board of his
21 respective county shall be the representative of the De-
22 partment of Agriculture and the various bureaus of the
23 Department and whenever those bureaus in the performance
24 of their respective duties or through their regularly ap-
25 pointed representatives shall command the services of the
26 said member of the State Board he shall render such
27 assistance as is within his power in carrying into effect
28 and enforcing the provisions of this act

29 Section 17 The members of the State Board of Agri-

1 culture shall except for attending the two annual meet-
2 ings and any special meeting of said State Board for
3 which they shall receive only their necessary expenses re-
4 ceive a per diem pay of five dollars and necessary ex-
5 penses for arranging and holding the Farmers Institutes
6 and for all the other services they may render for the
7 Department or for any of the bureaus of the said De-
8 partment of Agriculture for all of which the said mem-
9 ber of the said State Board of Agriculture shall render
10 such an accounting as the Director of the Farmers In-
11 stitutes may require

12 Section 18 The Economic Zoologist under the direction
13 of the Secretary of Agriculture shall by public demonstra-
14 tion personally conducted or through such assistants as
15 the Secretary may provide assist farmers and others in
16 the extermination of insects and bacterial diseases injurious
17 to crops and livestock

18 Section 19 The Dairy and Food Commissioner under
19 the direction of the Secretary of Agriculture shall enforce
20 all acts of assembly within the jurisdiction of this Department

21 Section 20 The State Veterinarian shall under the di-
22 rection of the State Livestock Sanitary Board which shall
23 consist of the Governor (who shall be its president) the
24 Dairy and Food Commissioner (who shall be its vice-
25 president) the State Veterinarian (who shall be its secre-
26 tary) the Secretary of Agriculture (who shall be its
27 treasurer) and the Executive Committee of the said State
28 Board of Agriculture enforce the acts of assembly as
29 from time to time provided

1 Section 21 The manager of the Bureau of Markets
2 shall co-operate under the direction of the Secretary of
3 Agriculture and the executive committee through such means
4 as the Secretary and the committee may provide with
5 all producers of farm products and with all reliable con-
6 suming agencies throughout the Commonwealth as well as
7 other states especially consumers co-operative associations for
8 selling what is offered by producers and with manufactur-
9 ers and other agencies for purchasing what is desired
10 and shall keep in his office price lists which shall be
11 furnished free to all who desire to sell or buy and
12 shall issue instructions for the proper grading of all agri-
13 cultural and horticultural products.

14 Section 22 The manager of the demonstration farms
15 shall under the direction of the Secretary of Agriculture
16 and the executive committee with such assistants as they
17 may provide have charge of and manage the demonstra-
18 tion farms which shall include all the available land
19 controlled by the Commonwealth connected with her penal
20 and charitable institutions both to demonstrate what the
21 possibilities of the productive capacities of those soils are
22 and to produce what is needed for the maintenance of
23 the inmates of those institutions all of which shall for
24 the benefit of the farmers be published in the annual
25 reports which the Secretary shall present to the Governor
26 of the Commonwealth.

27 Section 23 The chief chemist shall analyze such soils
28 fertilizers feed stuffs paints oils gasoline kerosene and

1 other substances and perform such other duties as may
2 be directed by the Secretary of Agriculture and the ex-
3 ecutive committee

4 Section 24 The statistician under the direction of the
5 Secretary of Agriculture shall collect tabulate and publish
6 agriculture statistics and other information pertinent to
7 agriculture

8 Section 25 The Secretary the Deputy Secretary the
9 Economic Zoologist the Dairy and Food Commissioner the
10 Veterinarian the secretary of the executive committee the
11 experts and demonstrators shall at the January meeting
12 of the State Board of Agriculture make written reports
13 of the year's work done by each department and indi-
14 vidual for the acceptance or rejection of the Board All
15 reports accepted by the said board shall be made part
16 of the report which the Secretary of Agriculture shall
17 submit annually to the Governor of the Commonwealth

18 Section 26 The Secretary of Agriculture and the ex-
19 ecutive committee shall bi-annually prepare a budget of
20 appropriations necessary for carrying into effect the pro-
21 visions of this act as well as any amendments of this
22 act and shall present the same before the State Board
23 for its approval or rejection All items of the budget
24 endorsed by the State Board shall be included in the
25 budget which the executive committee and the Secretary
26 shall present to the Legislature

27 Section 27 The act of May eighteenth one thousand
28 nine hundred and fifteen (Pamphlet Laws five hundred and
29 forty-one) entitled "An act establishing a State Commis-

1 sion of Agriculture defining its powers and duties includ-
2 ing its powers relative to the Department of Agriculture
3 and the State Livestock Sanitary Board" and all other
4 acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith be and the
5 same are hereby repealed