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CHAP. 26.

Chapter 26.

An act to amend chapter one hundred and seven of the revised statutes, in relation to the appointment of special administrators in certain cases.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :

Ch. 107, sec. 15,
R. S., amended.

Administrators,
duties of.

SECT. 1. Section fifteen of chapter one hundred and seven of the revised statutes is amended by inserting after the word "children," in the seventeenth line of said section, the following: He shall also have and take control of, and improve or cause to be improved the real estate of such deceased person, and collect and preserve all the rents and profits accruing therefrom.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect from and after its approval by the governor.

[Approved April 6, 1857.]

Chapter 27.

An act to amend an act entitled "an act to establish a board of agriculture."

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :

Board of Agricul-
ture, members
and secretary of.

SECT. 1. The members of the board of agriculture, and the secretary thereof, shall continue in office until the expiration of the term for which they were elected.

—members,
election of, &c.

SECT. 2. The state board of agriculture shall, after the expiration of the term of office of the present members, consist of members who shall be elected and classified as follows: one member may be elected by each incorporated agricultural and horticultural society in the state, which maintains an annual exhibition and expends not less than one hundred and fifty dollars in premiums for the encouragement of agriculture, horticulture and the arts connected therewith. Said members shall hold their office for the term of three years from the day of the annual meeting of the board, next after their election, except as hereinafter provided, and shall be elected by ballot at the annual meetings or fairs of such societies, or at any regular meeting thereof, called for such purpose; and they shall receive and produce, as evidence of membership, a certificate of election signed by the president and secretary of such society, and also a certificate from the treasurer of the society, signed and sworn to, before a justice of the peace, that the society which he represents has actually expended, during the previous year, not less than one

—term of office.

—when and how
elected.

Evidence of
membership.

hundred and fifty dollars, as above required; *provided, however*, that if the annual exhibition of such society shall have been by the advice of the board of agriculture merged in that of the state agricultural society, the last named certificate shall not be required; and in case of any vacancy occurring in the representation of any society, the same may be filled by appointment, by the president and secretary of such society.

Proviso.

Vacancy, how filled.

SECT. 3. At the next annual meeting of the board of agriculture, the members shall be divided, as equally as may be, into three classes. The term of office of the first class shall expire at the end of one year, of the second class at the end of two years, the members of each class to be designated by lot.

Members, how divided.

—term of office.

—how designated.

SECT. 4. The board of agriculture shall meet at the state house, in Augusta, annually, on the third Wednesday of January, and they are hereby empowered each year to elect a suitable person to act as secretary of the board, and to prescribe and determine his duties, and in case of vacancy by death or otherwise, the governor, with advice of his council, is hereby empowered to fill the same. And all reports and returns required by law to be made by said societies, shall be made and returned to the secretary of said board. The compensation of the secretary shall be eight hundred dollars per annum, and such necessary travelling and incidental expenses as shall accrue in the discharge of his duties, an account thereof being first audited and allowed by the governor and council. And the compensation of the members of the board shall be the same as that of members of the legislature, for a term not exceeding ten days; *provided*, that if a member of the board shall also be a member or officer of the legislature, he shall receive compensation in but one capacity.

—place and time of meeting.

Secretary, election of.

—vacancy, how filled.

—reports, &c., to be made to secretary.

—compensation of.

Members, compensation of.

Proviso.

SECT. 5. It shall be the duty of said board to investigate all such subjects relating to agriculture, horticulture and the arts connected therewith, in this state, as they may think proper; and it is hereby empowered to take, hold in trust, and exercise control over, any donations or bequests that may be made to it for promoting agricultural education, or the general interests of husbandry; and the said board shall annually, on or before the first Wednesday of January, by its secretary, submit to the legislature a detailed report of its doings, together with an abstract or digest of the returns of the several agricultural and horticultural societies, and of such statistics as he may be able to collect, with such recommendations and suggestions as the interest of agriculture may be deemed to require, and cause to be printed, under his direction and control, not more than ten thousand copies of the same, one thousand copies

Board, duties of.

—may hold in trust, donations or bequests.

—shall submit to legislature annually, on or before first day of January, report of its doings, &c.

—printing of.

CHAP. 28.
—distribution of.

thereof being for the use of the legislature, and the remainder for distribution, under the direction of the board, among the people of the state.

Salaries and expenses.

SECT. 6. The governor shall, from time to time, draw his warrant on the treasurer for such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the salaries and expenses provided for by this act, an account thereof having been first rendered by the secretary of the board, and audited by the executive council; and a sum not exceeding one thousand seven hundred dollars annually, is hereby appropriated to meet such expenses.

—appropriation.

Acts repealed.

SECT. 7. All acts and parts of acts, inconsistent with this act, are hereby repealed.

SECT. 8. This act shall take effect from and after its approval by the governor.

[Approved April 6, 1857.]

Chapter 28.

An act to repeal an act entitled “an act in relation to directors of corporations.”

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

Act of Feb. 27, 1857, relative to directors of corporations, repealed.

SECT. 1. An act entitled “an act in relation to directors of corporations,” approved February twenty-seventh, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, is hereby repealed.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its approval by the governor.

[Approved April 9, 1857.]

Chapter 29.

An act to establish a standard weight for the sale of grain and carrots.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

Grain and carrots, standard weight of, established.

SECT. 1. The standard weight of a bushel of wheat, shall be sixty pounds; of corn and rye, fifty-six pounds; of barley and buckwheat, forty-eight pounds; of carrots, fifty pounds; and of oats, thirty pounds.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect from and after its approval by the governor.

[Approved April 9, 1857.]