

**POMOLOGICAL AND HORTICULTURAL SOCIETIES**  
**Act 125 of 1871**

AN ACT to provide for the incorporation of societies for the promotion of pomology, horticulture, and the kindred sciences and arts in the state of Michigan.

**History:** 1871, Act 125, Imd. Eff. Apr. 15, 1871.

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

**453.301 Pomological, horticultural and agricultural societies; incorporators.**

Sec. 1. That any 5 or more persons, and their successors, that may hereafter associate together for the purpose of promoting the interests of pomology, horticulture, agriculture, and kindred sciences and arts, may become a body corporate by complying with the requirements of this act.

**History:** 1871, Act 125, Imd. Eff. Apr. 15, 1871;—CL 1871, 3170;—How. 2315;—CL 1897, 5976;—CL 1915, 7878;—CL 1929, 10236;—CL 1948, 453.301.

**453.302 Pomological and horticultural societies; organization meeting, notice, regulations.**

Sec. 2. The persons intending to become a body corporate for the above named purpose shall publish a notice of their intention to meet for organization 3 successive weeks in the newspaper published next nearest to the place where such meeting is to be held; said notice to state the object of the meeting, and when and where it will be held, and to be signed by at least 3 of the persons interested in establishing such organization; said meeting to be open to the public.

**History:** 1871, Act 125, Imd. Eff. Apr. 15, 1871;—CL 1871, 3171;—How. 2316;—CL 1897, 5977;—CL 1915, 7879;—CL 1929, 10237;—CL 1948, 453.302.

**453.303 Pomological and horticultural societies; articles of association, contents.**

Sec. 3. The articles of association adopted at the meeting provided for in the preceding section shall specify: First. The names, officers, and objects of association; second. the limit of property; third, the limit of subscription of members; fourth. the town, city, village, county, district, or extent of the territory in which the operation of the society may be carried on, or to which they are limited.

**History:** 1871, Act 125, Imd. Eff. Apr. 15, 1871;—CL 1871, 3172;—How. 2317;—CL 1897, 5978;—CL 1915, 7880;—CL 1929, 10238;—CL 1948, 453.303.

**453.304 Pomological and horticultural societies; articles, registration.**

Sec. 4. The articles of association, duly acknowledged by each stockholder, together with a certificate, signed by the secretary, stating the amount of subscription paid in, must be registered in the office where the association is located, in a book kept for that purpose, and a copy of the same must be forwarded to the secretary of state.

**History:** 1871, Act 125, Imd. Eff. Apr. 15, 1871;—CL 1871, 3173;—How. 2318;—CL 1897, 5979;—CL 1915, 7881;—CL 1929, 10239;—CL 1948, 453.304.

**453.305 Pomological and horticultural societies; body corporate, powers; membership.**

Sec. 5. On complying with the requirements of this act as above specified, the association so organized shall be a body corporate, and shall be capable of buying and selling real estate in the same manner as the agricultural societies; of suing and being sued in any court of this state; may have a common seal, and may alter or amend the same at pleasure; and be subject to the laws of the state applicable to agricultural societies; may make such by-laws and regulations, not inconsistent with its articles or with this act, as may be found desirable to promote the efficiency of the organization: Provided, That the by-laws shall not exclude any citizen of Michigan from membership of the association, attending the exhibitions, or participating in its discussions, who shall subscribe and pay to the funds of the society such sum or sums annually as the by-laws of the association shall prescribe.

**History:** 1871, Act 125, Imd. Eff. Apr. 15, 1871;—CL 1871, 3174;—How. 2319;—CL 1897, 5980;—CL 1915, 7882;—CL 1929, 10240;—CL 1948, 453.305.

**453.306 State pomological and horticultural association; annual report, printing.**

Sec. 6. Should a state association for the promotion of pomology, horticulture, agriculture, and kindred sciences and arts, be organized under this act, it shall be the duty of the secretary of said state society to make and transmit to the secretary of state a report of the transactions of said society, including copies of papers read at its meetings, reports of exhibitions held, and of facts collected by correspondence or otherwise, at the

end of the month of December of each year; said report of transactions to be printed in similar form and number of copies as the reports and transactions of the state board of agriculture and state agricultural society, under the direction of the secretary of state.

**History:** 1871, Act 125, Imd. Eff. Apr. 15, 1871;—CL 1871, 3175;—How. 2320;—CL 1897, 5981;—CL 1915, 7883;—CL 1929, 10241;—CL 1948, 453.306.

**453.307 Local pomological and horticultural associations; annual reports to state association, contents.**

Sec. 7. District or county, town, city, or village associations organized under this act are hereby required to report through their secretary, in the month of November in each year, to the secretary of the state association, the proceedings of said society during the year, giving a statement of the facts elicited and of the experience gained during the preceding year; such reports from district, county, town, city, or village societies to be used as correspondence in compiling the report of the state association provided for in section 6.

**History:** 1871, Act 125, Imd. Eff. Apr. 15, 1871;—CL 1871, 3176;—How. 2321;—CL 1897, 5982;—CL 1915, 7884;—CL 1929, 10242;—CL 1948, 453.307.

**453.308 Pomological and horticultural associations; privileges and immunities.**

Sec. 8. Associations incorporated under this act shall, on compliance with the requirements thereof, be entitled to all the immunities, emoluments, and privileges accorded by law to the agricultural societies of this state.

**History:** 1871, Act 125, Imd. Eff. Apr. 15, 1871;—CL 1871, 3177;—How. 2322;—CL 1897, 5983;—CL 1915, 7885;—CL 1929, 10243;—CL 1948, 453.308.

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