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CHAPTER 157

FAIRS

COUNTY FAIRS

(House Bill No. 999. By Representative Brown)

A N A C T

AUTHORIZING BOARDS OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO
BUDGET FOR THE SUPPORT OF COUNTY FAIRS.*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*Section
Amended

Section 1. Section 17, Chapter 65, 1935 Colorado Statutes Annotated, is hereby amended to read as follows:

County
Commissioners
Authorized
to Purchase
Fair Grounds

Section 17. The Board of County Commissioners of any county in this State is hereby authorized and empowered to lease or purchase a tract of land, not exceeding sixty acres, suitable for county fair purposes, and which shall be used for that purpose in order to encourage and promote agricultural, mechanical, industrial, and livestock industries of the state, *provided, however*, that the board shall not in any case appropriate or expend, for the leasing, purchasing and improving said fair grounds, more than Forty Thousand Dollars during the twenty year term of lease, nor enter into a lease of less than twenty years duration, nor for an annual rent of more than Five Hundred Dollars per year.

Maximum
ExpenseSection
Amended

Section 2. Section 18, Chapter 65, 1935 Colorado Statutes Annotated, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Commissioners
May Appoint
Manager

Section 18. The Board of County Commissioners of any county in this State may in its discretion, after the purchase or lease and the improvement of the land for fair ground purposes as provided for in the last preceding section, appoint some person or persons to look after, operate and conduct county fairs on said fair grounds during each year, or the said Board of County Commissioners may in their discretion rent or lease the said fair grounds and improvements thereon for such rental and for such term or period of time as they shall deem reasonable and proper, to any corporation not for pecuniary profit duly organized

Fair Grounds
May Be Leased

under the laws of the State of Colorado for the purpose of conducting, operating, and holding a county fair for the promotion of all mechanical and industrial products, agricultural, horticultural, live stock, and other products and exhibits; also to conduct races, sports, and other entertainments usually given at county fairs.

Section 3. Section 19, Chapter 65, 1935 Colorado Statutes Annotated, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section
Amended

Section 19. The Board of County Commissioners of their respective counties in this State shall have power to levy a general property tax for the purpose of purchasing, leasing and improving the fair grounds as provided in Sections 17 and 18 of this chapter, which said tax levy shall not exceed in any one year, one mill on each One Dollar of the taxable property in said county, said taxes to be levied and collected in the same manner and at the same time as other property taxes are levied and collected in each year and until the full amount necessary for the purchase price, rental, cost, and improvement of said land is raised, not exceeding in the aggregate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars; which said tax when so levied and collected shall be by the County Treasurer of the respective counties held in a separate fund to be known and designated as the "County Fair Fund," to be put out by said County Treasurer on the proper order or warrants issued by the Board of County Commissioners of the respective counties.

Tax Levy
for Purchase
of Fair Ground

County
Fair Fund

Section 4. Section 20, Chapter 65, 1935 Colorado Statutes Annotated, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section
Amended

Section 20. If the Board of County Commissioners of any county in this State elect to conduct, operate and manage the annual fairs in their respective counties, or if they elect to lease the said fair grounds and improvements thereon as provided in Section 18 above, then and in that event they are hereby authorized and empowered to appropriate out of the County Fair Fund created by Section 19 above, for that purpose the amount of money necessary therefor and for the necessary improvements and repairs of said buildings and fair grounds, and keeping the same in repair, and the payment of all cost and expenses incident to the conducting and managing of said annual fairs in their respective counties,

Appropriation
for Maintenance
and Operation

Section 5. The General Assembly hereby finds, determines and declares that this Act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety.

Safety Clause

Section 6. In the opinion of the General Assembly an emergency exists; therefore, this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Emergency

Approved: May 5, 1949.