PROTECTION OF FAIR GROUNDS AND EXHIBITIONS
Act 121 of 1873

AN ACT to enable agricultural and horticultural societies and horse fairs to extend a more perfect protection to their property and the property of exhibitors at fairs, and to allow the board of managers to appoint police for that purpose.

History: 1873, Act 121, Imd. Eff. Apr. 19, 1873.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

453.361 Agricultural, horticultural, industrial fair, exposition society or horse fair; policemen at exhibitions, appointment, powers and duties.

Sec. 1. That the board of managers, or executive committee of any agricultural, horticultural, industrial fair, exposition society or horse fair of this state, or any corporation organized under the laws of this state to hold any exposition or industrial fair, is hereby authorized to appoint as many citizens of this state policemen as shall be necessary for their exhibition, whose duty it shall be to preserve order within and around the grounds of said society or fair; to protect their property within said grounds; to eject all persons who shall be improperly within the grounds of said society, or who shall be guilty of disorderly conduct, or who shall refuse to pay the fee, or observe the rules prescribed by the society or fair. Said policemen shall have the same power during the time said exhibition shall continue that a constable may have by law in serving criminal process and making arrests, and in addition, may arrest any person for the commission of any offense mentioned in section 2 of this act.

History: 1873, Act 121, Imd. Eff. Apr. 19, 1873;—How. 2323;—Am. 1889, Act 270, Imd. Eff. July 5, 1889;—CL 1897, 5971;—CL 1915, 7849;—CL 1929, 10250;—CL 1948, 453.361.

453.362 Fair grounds; property, injury or destruction, penalty.

Sec. 2. Any person who shall willfully injure or destroy the property of exhibitors, visitors, or lessees on the fair ground, or shall hinder or obstruct the officers and police in the discharge of their duties, or shall wrongfully or maliciously gain admission to the fair ground contrary to the rules of said society, or fair, or without paying the established fees during any fair of such society, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be subject to a fine of not less than 1 or more than 25 dollars, or imprisonment not exceeding 30 days, or such fine and imprisonment both, at the discretion of the court before whom the offender may be tried.

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