

**MICHIGAN STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY**  
**Act 180 of 1849**

AN ACT to incorporate the Michigan state agricultural society.

**History:** 1849, Act 180, Imd. Eff. Mar. 31, 1849.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Michigan:*

**453.51 Michigan state agricultural society; incorporation.**

Sec. 1. That all persons who now are, or may hereafter become associated for the purposes of this act, are hereby constituted a body corporate by the name of the "Michigan state agricultural society," for the purpose of promoting the improvement of agriculture and its kindred arts.

**History:** 1849, Act 180, Imd. Eff. Mar. 31, 1849;—CL 1857, 1680;—CL 1871, 2156;—How. 2288;—CL 1897, 5939;—CL 1915, 7815;—CL 1929, 10202;—CL 1948, 453.51.

**453.52 State agricultural society; powers, duties; restriction.**

Sec. 2. For the purposes aforesaid, the society shall possess the general powers and privileges, and be subject to the general liabilities contained in chapter 55, title 10, of the Revised Statutes of 1846, so far as the same may be applicable, and have not been modified or repealed; but the real and personal estate which the said society shall be authorized to take, hold, and convey, over and above its library and its scientific and agricultural collections, shall not, at any time, exceed in amount the value of 20,000 dollars.

**History:** 1849, Act 180, Imd. Eff. Mar. 31, 1849;—CL 1857, 1681;—CL 1871, 2157;—How. 2289;—CL 1897, 5940;—CL 1915, 7816;—CL 1929, 10203;—CL 1948, 453.52.

**Compiler's note:** For provisions of chapter 55, title 10, of the Revised Statutes of 1846, referred to in this section, see MCL 450.504 et seq. As to increase in the \$20,000 limit imposed by this section, see MCL 453.81 et seq.

**453.53 State agricultural society; annual report to legislature, contents.**

Sec. 3. It shall be the duty of the Michigan state agricultural society to transmit to the president of the senate, for the use of the legislature, in the month of January, annually, a report and statement of its proceedings, specifying the nature of the encouragement proposed by it, and the object for which, and persons to whom, premiums have been awarded; embracing also such accurate details of the modes of cultivation, of keeping stock, and of other important incidents, as will acquaint farmers and others with the precise manner in which the valuable results recorded can be again obtained; and presenting such other matter as the society may judge most useful in promoting a greater and more general progress in practical agriculture.

**History:** 1849, Act 180, Imd. Eff. Mar. 31, 1849;—CL 1857, 1682;—CL 1871, 2158;—How. 2290;—CL 1897, 5941;—CL 1915, 7817;—CL 1929, 10204;—CL 1948, 453.53.