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Chapter 2. State Horticultural Associations

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Horticulture associations; methods of incorporation; body corporate and politic; property

Sec. 1. (a) A state, district, or county society of persons associated for horticultural purposes may incorporate in the following manner:

(1) A state horticultural society may incorporate by depositing a certified copy of the society's articles of association, with its name and a description and an impress of the seal adopted by the society, in the office of the secretary of state.

(2) A district or county horticultural association may incorporate by depositing, under the seal of the state horticultural association, a statement showing that the district or county association:

(A) was organized for horticultural purposes and is entitled to representation; and

(B) has consented to elect at least one (1) delegate to represent the association;

in the state horticultural association at its annual and official meetings, in the office of the recorder of the county where the district or county horticultural association is organized, along with the name by which the association will be known and a description of the seal adopted. The recorder shall record the statement in the miscellaneous record. A fee of fifty cents (\$0.50) may be charged and collected to record the statement.

(b) A state, district, or county horticultural association:

(1) is a body corporate and politic, with perpetual succession; and

(2) may:

(A) sue and be sued;

(B) enter into contracts;

(C) plead and be impleaded;

(D) take, hold, and convey real and personal property; and

(E) make bylaws and rules for the governance of the association and the management of its affairs and property consistent with Indiana law.

(c) A state, district, or county horticultural association may:

(1) purchase;

(2) improve; or

(3) sell, not exceeding, at any one (1) time, one hundred (100) acres of land;

for the use and purposes of the association, and may erect buildings on the land necessary for the use of the association and the improvement of the land.

As added by P.L.2-2008, SEC.5.

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Annual meeting; representatives; reports

Sec. 2. (a) The state horticultural association organized under section 1 of this chapter shall hold, in Indianapolis or another location in Indiana to be selected by the association at the preceding meeting, an annual meeting, for the purpose of deliberating and consulting as to the wants, prospects, and conditions of the horticultural interests of the people of Indiana.

(b) At the annual meeting, the district and county horticultural associations may be represented by one (1) or more delegates each, as the state association provides. The district and county associations shall forward, by representatives, the report of the condition and prospects of the district or county associations to the state horticultural society.

As added by P.L.2-2008, SEC.5.

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State horticulture association; maintenance of collections

Sec. 3. (a) When the state horticultural association has complied with this chapter, the association is entitled to the occupancy and use of any unappropriated room in the state capitol or other building used or occupied by the state.

(b) The room described in subsection (a) shall be designated as the department of horticulture.

(c) An association occupying the room described in subsection (a) may maintain in the room:

- (1) a library;
- (2) specimens and representations of horticultural industry;
- (3) collections of insect specimens or birds that are injurious or beneficial to horticultural products in Indiana; and
- (4) floral specimens and representations collected by the association.

Those items and other items that the association collects and deposits in the room must be available for public inspection and examination under rules adopted by the association.

(d) The association:

- (1) shall hold the items described in subsection (c) until ordered under rules adopted by the association or the interests of horticulture require; and
- (2) may adopt bylaws for the association's protection and good order that are considered necessary and not inconsistent with Indiana law.

As added by P.L.2-2008, SEC.5.