

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2015 and 2016 HB3747

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

30 ILCS 120/17 from Ch. 85, par. 667 30 ILCS 120/18 from Ch. 85, par. 668

Amends the Agricultural Fair Act. Provides that in counties where a Fair and Exposition Authority participated in 1999, the Fair and Exposition Authority shall transfer all remaining funds to the county fair in such county within 30 days of the effective date of this amendatory Act. Further provides that the terms of the Authority's members shall terminate upon the transfer of all remaining funds and the Authority shall cease to exist. Deletes provisions regarding the Authority's participation in the appropriation from the Fair and Exposition Fund. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT MAY APPLY

1 AN ACT concerning local government.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

Section 5. The Agricultural Fair Act is amended by changing

Sections 17 and 18 as follows:

6 (30 ILCS 120/17) (from Ch. 85, par. 667)

Sec. 17. Fair and expositions. Any county fair eligible to participate in appropriations made from the Agricultural Premium Fund, except in counties where a Fair and Exposition Authority participated in the appropriation in 1999, may elect instead in any odd numbered year to participate in the appropriation from the Fair and Exposition Fund. The Department must be notified of such election by January 1 of the year of participation in that fund. Any such election shall be binding for 4 calendar years. No county fair shall participate for the same calendar year in appropriations under both this Fund and the Agricultural Premium Fund.

In counties where a Fair and Exposition Authority participated in 1999, the Fair and Exposition Authority shall transfer all remaining funds to the county fair in such county within 30 days of the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 99th General Assembly. Upon the transfer of such funds to the county fair, the terms of the Authority's members shall

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- 1 <u>terminate and the Authority shall cease to exist</u> the Authority
- 2 shall continue to participate in the appropriation from the
- 3 Fair and Exposition Fund. The Fair and Exposition Authority
- 4 shall consist of 7 members appointed by the county board
- 5 chairman with the advice and consent of the county board.
- 6 (Source: P.A. 94-261, eff. 1-1-06.)
- 7 (30 ILCS 120/18) (from Ch. 85, par. 668)
- 8 Sec. 18. Money shall be paid into the Fair and Exposition 9 Fund by the Illinois Racing Board, as provided in Section 28 of 10 the Illinois Horse Racing Act of 1975. The General Assembly 11 shall from time to time make appropriations payable from such 12 fund to the Department for distribution to county fairs and to any Fair and Exposition Authority that participated in the 1.3 appropriation in 1999. 14 Such appropriations shall 15 distributed by the Department to county fairs which are 16 eligible to participate in appropriations made from the Agricultural Premium Fund but which elect instead 17 18 participate in appropriations made from the Fair and Exposition Fund and to Fair and Exposition Authorities that participated 19 in the appropriation in 1999. If a county has more than one 20 21 county fair, such fairs shall jointly elect to participate 22 either in appropriations made from the Agricultural Premium Fund or in appropriations made from the Fair and Exposition 23 24 Fund. All participating county fairs of the same county shall

participate in the same appropriation. Except as otherwise

1 allowed by the Director, a participant, to be eligible to 2 expend moneys appropriated from the Fair and Exposition Fund 3 for the purchase of new or additional land construction or 4 maintenance of buildings, grounds, facilities, infrastructure, 5 or any improvement to the grounds must hold the land on which 6 such fair or exposition is to be conducted as a fee or under a 7 lease of at least 20 years, the terms of which require the lessee to have continuous possession of the land during every 8 9 day of the lease period, or must be owned by the fair 10 association participating in this disbursement, by 11 agricultural society, or by a fair and exposition authority. 12 (Source: P.A. 94-261, eff. 1-1-06.)

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon becoming law.