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AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE MISSISSIPPI FAIR COMMISSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE DIXIE NATIONAL LIVESTOCK SHOW; A ROUNDUP FOR JUNIOR EXHIBITORS OF LIVESTOCK AND GOATS; SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS FOR LIVESTOCK PREMIUMS; COUNTY LIVESTOCK SHOWS IN OFFERING AND PAYING PRIZES OR AWARDS TO COMPETITORS IN APPROVED COUNTY LIVESTOCK SHOWS; THE FIVE DISTRICT LIVESTOCK SHOWS; THE FIVE STATE DAIRY SHOWS; THE MISSISSIPPI HIGH SCHOOL RODEO; AND TO PROVIDE HOW SAID MONEY SHALL BE PAID OUT OF THE STATE TREASURY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Fair Commission's special fund account, to the Mississippi Fair Commission for the purposes of defraying the costs of prizes, premiums, judges and other actual and necessary costs of putting on the Dixie National Livestock Show at the State Fairgrounds in Jackson, Mississippi, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2015 ..... $ 954,150.00.

SECTION 2. The following sums, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are hereby appropriated out of any money in the State

General Fund, not otherwise appropriated, to the Mississippi Fair Commission as follows:

(a) For the support of annual roundup shows for junior exhibitors of junior steers, junior breeding cattle, beef cattle, dairy cattle, hogs, sheep and goats, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2015 ..... $ 61,911.00.

(b) To supplement the funds paid by the Mississippi Fair Commission for livestock premiums at the State Fair, all livestock premiums to be paid on the American system of judging (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, etc.) on all classes entered in the senior division for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2015 ..... $ 24,542.00.

(c) For the county livestock shows in offering and paying prizes or awards to competitors in the approved county livestock shows of Mississippi, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2015 ..... $ 18,384.00.

Provided, however, that of the amount herein appropriated in paragraph (c), not more than One Thousand Dollars ($1,000.00) shall be expended or used in any one (1) county of the state during each fiscal year. Provided, further, that none of the monies herein appropriated in paragraph (c) shall be used in offering or paying prizes or awards for any livestock show that is not held where there are adequate barns, pens and other facilities available for such a show.

Provided, further, in paragraph (c) that the management of such shows shall be in the hands of a county livestock association, and such association shall guarantee a minimum amount of Five Hundred Dollars ($500.00) to be used in the paying of prizes, premiums or awards, and after said county show has been held and premiums paid, fifty percent (50%) of the amount, not exceeding One Thousand Dollars ($1,000.00), shall be paid upon requisition to the Mississippi Fair Commission.

Provided, further, in paragraph (c) that in any county which has two (2) shows with proper facilities, and a contiguous county has no such fair and desires to participate in a fair to be held in an adjoining county, each of the two (2) fairs in one (1) county may receive an equal proportion of the funds hereby appropriated, provided, both shows shall not receive an aggregate sum of more than One Thousand Dollars ($1,000.00).

(d) For the purpose of offering awards and prizes to competitors in the five (5) district livestock shows, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2015 .... $ 62,458.00.

(e) For the purpose of offering awards and prizes to competitors in the five (5) state dairy shows as provided in Section 69-5-101 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2015 .... $ 11,958.00.

Provided, further, that no part of the money herein appropriated under the provisions of paragraphs (d) and (e) shall be used for any other purpose than to pay premium awards at said shows and state shows and expositions receiving legislative appropriation shall not conflict in dates in order that livestock exhibitors may make the circuit of shows. Provided, further, that none of the above-mentioned funds shall be paid to any district shows unless shows are held prior to roundup.

Not less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the funds herein appropriated under the provisions of paragraphs (d) and (e) shall be used in awarding prizes or premiums to 4-H Club members and Smith-Hughes School members and other boys and girls having entries in said shows.

All funds herein appropriated under the provisions of paragraphs (d) and (e) for the five (5) district livestock shows and the five (5) fall state dairy shows shall be distributed in such manner that the livestock exhibitors will each draw equal premium awards for comparable grades and placings at each of the said five (5) district spring shows and the five (5) fall state shows. The management of each district spring show and each state fall show shall submit to the Mississippi Fair Commission, within fifteen (15) days after the close of each said show, a full report on the number of exhibitors at each said show, with the grades and placings of the different classes of livestock exhibited.

The Executive Secretary of the Mississippi Fair Commission, together with a committee of three (3) to be named by the President of the Mississippi Livestock Council from that organization, shall summarize and prepare a unified list of awards for like classes in all spring district livestock shows and fall state dairy shows receiving state premium money, as authorized in paragraphs (d) and (e). The Executive Secretary and Chairman of the Mississippi Fair Commission shall approve and present a requisition to the State Fiscal Officer for the payment of the amount of funds in paragraphs (d) and (e) due each show and said State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrant thereon, and it shall be paid by the State Treasurer.

Provided, however, as a condition of expenditure of the funds appropriated in paragraphs (d) and (e), that the board of directors of any district livestock show may, in its discretion, choose to hold its show in the fall instead of the spring. If district shows are held in both spring and fall, then all funds herein appropriated for the five (5) district livestock shows shall be distributed in such a manner that the spring livestock exhibitors will each draw equal premium awards for comparable grades and placings at each district spring show, and the fall livestock exhibitors will each draw equal premium awards for comparable grades and placings at each district fall show.

(f) For promotion and expenses of the winners of the Mississippi High School Rodeo for attending the national finals,

for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2015 ..... $ 17,509.00.

(g) For the support of the NCHA Eastern National Championship, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2015 ..... $ 50,000.00.

SECTION 3. (a) The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund to the credit of the Mississippi Fair Commission, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2015 .....$ 22,000.00.

The above funds shall be allocated as follows:

(1) For the Mississippi Round-Up..... $ 3,600.14.

(2) For the State Fair Junior Premiums....$ 4,220.86.

(3) For the County Livestock Shows.....$ 2,656.77.

(4) For the District Livestock Shows.....$ 3,689.19.

(5) For the State Fall Dairy Shows.....$ 4,254.90.

(6) For the High School Rodeo.....$ 3,578.14.

(b) The following sum shall be utilized from money transferred from the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce to the credit of the Mississippi Fair Commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2015..... .....$ 20,000.00.

The above funds shall be allocated as follows:

(1) For the Mississippi Round-Up.....$ 3,272.86.

(2) For the State Fair Junior Premiums....$ 3,837.14.

(3) For the County Livestock Shows.....$ 2,415.24.

(4) For the District Livestock Shows.....$ 3,353.81.

(5) For the State Fall Dairy Shows.....$ 3,868.10.

(6) For the High School Rodeo.....$ 3,252.85.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 5. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2014.

PASSED BY THE SENATE
March 31, 2014

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
March 31, 2014

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR

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