

**2-158. Board of directors, annual election meetings, terms, vacancies; recognition of association by state board of agriculture.**

(a) (1) A meeting shall be held at 7:00 p.m. on December 8, 1987, at the Kaw Valley cooperative building at 5715 West 21 st Street in Topeka, Kansas, for the purpose of electing the initial members of the board of directors of the Shawnee county fair association established under the provisions of this act. The qualified electors residing in each township in Shawnee county may participate in such meeting to elect from among the residents of that township one director of the fair association. The qualified electors residing in the city of Topeka may participate in such meeting to elect from among the residents of the city three directors of the fair association. Upon assembling at such meeting the qualified electors of each such township and the qualified electors of the city shall separate into their individual groups and make such election.

(2) There are hereby created three additional directors of the Shawnee county fair association who shall be elected at large. The qualified electors residing in Shawnee county may participate in such meeting to elect from among the residents of Shawnee county three at large directors of the fair association in the manner provided in this section.

(b) (1) Of the members first elected to the board of directors by the qualified electors of the city of Topeka at such election meeting, one director shall serve for a term of one year, one director shall serve for a term of two years and one director shall serve for a term of three years. Of the members first elected to the board of directors by the qualified electors of the various townships at such election meeting, directors elected from Auburn, Dover, Grove and Menoken townships shall serve for a term of one year, directors elected from Monmouth, Mission, Rossville and Silver Lake shall serve for a term of two years, and directors elected from Soldier, Tecumseh, Topeka and Williamsport townships shall serve for a term of three years.

(2) Of the at large members first elected to the board of directors by the qualified electors of Shawnee county at such election meeting, one director shall serve for a term of one year, one director shall serve for a term of two years and one director shall serve for a term of three years. At the first election of these directors at large, the person receiving the highest number of votes shall serve a term of three years. The person receiving the second highest number of votes shall serve a term of two years. The person receiving the third highest number of votes shall serve a term of one year. The successor elected to each of these director at large positions shall serve a term of three years.

(3) The directors so elected shall constitute the Shawnee county fair association.

(c) An annual election meeting shall be held on the first Tuesday of December in 1988 and each year thereafter at which meeting the qualified electors of the city and the qualified electors of each township shall elect from among the residents of such city or township a successor to serve for a term of three years for each director whose term expires on such date. The executive board, as provided for in K.S.A. 2-159, and amendments thereto, shall fix the time and place of such annual election meeting and shall cause a notice of the election meeting to be published once in a newspaper of general circulation in the county at least 10 days prior to the date fixed for such election meeting.

(d) Elections of directors at such annual election meetings shall be conducted in the same manner as the elections conducted at the 1987 meeting were required to be conducted, except that the city shall elect only one director to succeed the director whose term has expired and only those townships having directors whose terms have expired shall elect directors to succeed such directors.

(e) Vacancies in the membership of the board of directors shall be filled by appointment by the executive board of the fair association for the unexpired term of office.

(f) The fair association established under the provisions of this act shall be given recognition by the secretary of agriculture without having lands or buildings of an appraised value of at least \$5,000 or without paid-up stock subscriptions in its treasury in the amount of \$5,000 appropriated to the purchase of lands or buildings or both.

**History:** L. 1987, ch. 92, § 1; L. 2004, ch. 101, § 11; L. 2008, ch. 65, § 1; July 1.