

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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 KAVULICH, CORBIN, MOUL, ROE, LEWIS, ENGLISH AND TALLMAN,
 SEPTEMBER 26, 2018

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS,
 SEPTEMBER 26, 2018

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of February 22, 1855 (P.L.46, No.50), entitled
 2 "An act to incorporate the Farmers' High School of
 3 Pennsylvania," further providing for management by board of
 4 trustees, for membership, name and power of board of trustees
 5 and for meeting, terms and successors of board of trustees.

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
 7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 Section 1. Sections 2, 3 and 5 of the act of February 22,
 9 1855 (P.L.46, No.50), entitled "An act to incorporate the
 10 Farmers' High School of Pennsylvania," are amended to read:

11 Section 2. Management by board of trustees

12 (a) The said institution shall be under the management and
 13 government of a board of trustees, of whom there shall be
 14 [thirteen, and seven of whom shall be a quorum], beginning with
 15 the 2020-2021 school year, not more than twenty-one voting
 16 members and one nonvoting member, competent to perform the

1 duties hereinafter authorized and required. A majority of voting
2 members shall constitute a quorum.

3 (b) The board of trustees shall be comprised of the
4 following members:

5 (1) The Governor, who shall serve as a nonvoting member, ex
6 officio.

7 (2) The Secretary of Education, who shall serve ex officio.

8 (3) The Secretary of Agriculture, who shall serve ex
9 officio.

10 (4) The Secretary of Conservation and Natural Resources, who
11 shall serve ex officio.

12 (5) Nine members who are alumni of the institution elected
13 by alumni of the institution under terms and conditions provided
14 under the institution by-laws.

15 (6) Three members representing the interests of business and
16 industry elected by regional business and industry associations
17 under terms and conditions provided under the institution by-
18 laws.

19 (7) Three members representing agricultural interests
20 elected by regional agricultural associations under terms and
21 conditions provided under the institution by-laws.

22 (8) Three at-large members who shall be elected under terms
23 and conditions provided under the institution by-laws, one of
24 whom shall be a student enrolled at the institution.

25 (c) Members shall be elected or appointed for terms of three
26 years. A member may not serve more than nine years in the
27 aggregate during the course of the member's lifetime. A member
28 appointed or elected to the board of trustees as of the
29 effective date of this subsection who has served nine or more
30 years in the aggregate may complete the member's current term

1 but shall be ineligible to serve another term at the conclusion
2 of the member's current term.

3 Section 3. Membership of board of trustees; name and style
4 of board; power of board to take and dispose of property

5 The [Governor, Secretary of the Commonwealth, the President
6 of the Pennsylvania State Agricultural Society, and the
7 principal of the institution, shall each be ex officio a member
8 of the board of trustees, which said] trustees, and their
9 successors in office, are hereby elected and declared to be a
10 body politic and corporate in law, with perpetual succession, by
11 the name, style and title of the Farmers' High School of
12 Pennsylvania, by which name and title the said trustees, and
13 their successors, shall be able and capable in law to take by
14 gift, grant, sale or conveyance, by bequest, devise or
15 otherwise, any estate in any lands, tenements and hereditaments,
16 goods, chattels or effects, and at pleasure to alien or
17 otherwise dispose of the same to and for the uses and purposes
18 of the said institution: provided, however, that the annual
19 income of the said State, so held, shall at no time exceed
20 twenty-five thousand dollars; and the said corporation shall by
21 the same name have power to sue and be sued, and generally to do
22 and transact all and every business touching or concerning the
23 premises, or which shall be necessarily incidental thereto, and
24 to hold, enjoy and exercise all such powers, authorities and
25 jurisdiction as are customary in the colleges within this
26 Commonwealth.

27 Section 5. First meeting of trustees; term of office;
28 election to choose successors

29 At the first meeting of the board of trustees, the [nine
30 names] members who are not ex officio members, shall by

1 themselves and by lot be divided into three classes, of three
2 each, numbered one, two, and three; the appointment hereby made
3 of class number one shall terminate on the first Monday of
4 October, 1856, number two on the first Monday of October, 1857,
5 and number three on the first Monday of October, 1858; and upon
6 the termination of the office of such directors, to-wit: on the
7 first Monday of October in every year, an election shall be held
8 at the institution to supply their place, and such election
9 shall be determined by the votes of the members of the executive
10 committee of the Pennsylvania State Agricultural Society, and
11 the votes of three representatives duly chosen by each county
12 agricultural society in this Commonwealth, which shall have been
13 organized at least three months preceding the time of election,
14 and it shall be the duty of the said board of trustees to
15 appoint two of their number as judges to hold the said election,
16 to receive and count the votes, and return the same to the board
17 of trustees, with their certificate of the number of votes cast,
18 and for whom, whereupon the said board shall determine who have
19 received the highest number of votes, and who are thereby
20 elected.

21 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.