



## Ohio Revised Code

### Section 1711.02 Independent agricultural societies.

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(A) An independent agricultural society is created if both of the following occur:

(1) Thirty or more persons of the same county, or of not more than three contiguous counties, adopt a constitution and bylaws governing the society.

(2) The persons described in division (A)(1) of this section elect a board of directors in accordance with section 1711.08 of the Revised Code.

(B) An independent agricultural society created under division (A) of this section shall operate in accordance with this chapter and applicable rules adopted by the director of agriculture.

(C)(1) For purposes of division (C)(2) of this section, "appropriate amount" means the share of the sum of sixteen hundred dollars, calculated in proportion to the populations of the respective counties according to the last federal census before the annual payment is made, but not exceeding the amount paid in regular class premiums. If the independent agricultural society is located in only one county, the appropriate amount is the amount paid in regular class premiums not exceeding sixteen hundred dollars.

(2) The auditor of a county in which an independent agricultural society is located annually shall request the county treasurer to transfer the appropriate amount to the independent agricultural society and the treasurer shall so transfer such money if all of the following have occurred:

(a) The society has held an annual exhibition in accordance with sections 1711.04 and 1711.05 of the Revised Code.

(b) The society has made a report to the director of agriculture in accordance with section 1711.06 of the Revised Code.



(c) The director of agriculture presents a certificate to the county auditor indicating that the society has complied with the laws of this state and the rules adopted by the director.

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