INCORPORATION OF TRADES UNIONS AS MECHANICS' ASSOCIATIONS
Act 167 of 1869

AN ACT to authorize the incorporation of trades unions as mechanics associations under the provisions of Act No. 188 of the Compiled Laws of 1857, as amended, being sections 454.1 to 454.11 of the Michigan Compiled Laws; and to impose certain duties on the department of commerce.

History: 1869, Act 167, Imd. Eff. Apr. 5, 1869;—Am. 1982, Act 87, Imd. Eff. Apr. 19, 1982.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

454.51 Association of trades unions as body corporate and politic; purposes; procedures; applicable law.

Sec. 1. That any association of trades unions in this state, actually existing and conducting its operations under a constitution or articles of association, may become a body corporate and politic for the general purposes contemplated by Act No. 188 of the Public Acts of 1857, as amended, being sections 454.1 to 454.11 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, upon filing a copy of their constitution, or articles of association, verified by the oath of 1 or more of the executive officers of such association, in the corporation and securities bureau of the department of commerce. All such associations becoming corporations as above provided, shall be subject to the provisions of Act No. 188 of the Public Acts of 1857, as amended, except as otherwise in this act provided.

History: 1869, Act 167, Imd. Eff. Apr. 5, 1869;—CL 1871, 2816;—How. 3945;—CL 1897, 7447;—CL 1915, 9819;—CL 1929, 10273;—CL 1948, 454.51;—Am. 1982, Act 87, Imd. Eff. Apr. 19, 1982.

454.52 Trades unions; constitution or articles in lieu of agreement; trustees and officers, election.

Sec. 2. The constitution or articles of association under which any such association may be organized, may stand in lieu of the articles of agreement required to be executed by section 2 of said act of 1857; and such constitution or articles of association may provide for the election of the trustees and other officers of such association annually or semi-annually, as the case may be: Provided, That nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to legalize any provision that may be contained in any such constitution or articles of association which is repugnant to the laws of this state, or to public justice.

History: 1869, Act 167, Imd. Eff. Apr. 5, 1869;—CL 1871, 2817;—How. 3946;—CL 1897, 7448;—CL 1915, 9820;—CL 1929, 10274;—CL 1948, 454.52.

454.53 Trades unions; new corporation; vesting of rights; recovery.

Sec. 3. All moneys, property or rights in action, equitably belonging to any association at the time the same may or shall become incorporated under the provisions of this act, shall vest in the corporation so formed, and may be recovered by such corporation in an action in assumpsit or on the case, from any person unlawfully withholding the same.

History: 1869, Act 167, Imd. Eff. Apr. 5, 1869;—CL 1871, 2818;—How. 3947;—CL 1897, 7449;—CL 1915, 9821;—CL 1929, 10275;—CL 1948, 454.53.

454.54 Trades unions; alternate provisions.

Sec. 4. Any corporation that may be formed under the provisions of this act, may be exempted from the operation of the provisions of section 5 of the aforesaid act of 1857, and may choose its officers, and conduct its operations in such manner as may be prescribed by its constitution or articles of association, subject to the restrictions contained in the proviso to section 2 of this act.

History: 1869, Act 167, Imd. Eff. Apr. 5, 1869;—CL 1871, 2819;—How. 3948;—CL 1897, 7450;—CL 1915, 9822;—CL 1929, 10276;—CL 1948, 454.54.

Compiler's note: For provisions of section 5, referred to in this section, see MCL 454.5.

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