CARE OF CEMETERIES
Act 113 of 1915

AN ACT prescribing the powers and duties of township boards and legislative bodies of cities and villages with relation to the care of cemeteries; and to provide for perpetual care deposits, and the disbursement thereof.

History: 1915, Act 113, Eff. Aug. 24, 1915;—Am. 1951, Act 109, Eff. Sept. 28, 1951;—Am. 1952, Act 157, Eff. Sept. 18, 1952.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

128.61 Cemeteries; joint maintenance by municipalities; money deposited in trust, limitation, expenditure.

Sec. 1. The township board of each township shall have the authority and it shall be its duty to cause all cemeteries within its township, except private cemeteries and cemeteries owned by cities and villages located in such townships, to be properly taken care of. The legislative body of any city or village may contribute to the maintenance and care of cemeteries owned by the township, and the township board may contribute to the maintenance and care of cemeteries owned by a city or village. Such contributions shall be paid from the respective contingent or general funds. The township boards of 2 or more adjoining townships, whether or not the townships are located in the same county may contribute to the maintenance and care of cemeteries owned by 1 or more of the townships. Any person or persons interested in the maintenance of a lot in any cemetery may deposit in trust with the township treasurer a sum of money not to exceed the sum of $500.00, the interest or principal of which shall be expended to maintain the lot described in such amounts each year as shall be designated in the letter of deposit, or by agreement with the township board. Said maintenance money shall be expended under the supervision of the township board.

History: 1915, Act 113, Eff. Aug. 24, 1915;—CL 1915, 11190;—Am. 1919, Act 163, Eff. Aug. 14, 1919;—CL 1929, 2676;—CL 1948, 128.61;—Am. 1949, Act 57, Eff. Sept. 23, 1949;—Am. 1951, Act 109, Eff. Sept. 28, 1951;—Am. 1952, Act 157, Eff. Sept. 18, 1952;—Am. 1957, Act 204, Eff. Sept. 27, 1957.

128.62 Cemetery day.

Sec. 2. The third Wednesday in August of each year is hereby designated as “cemetery day” and is set aside as a day upon which the people in townships may devote a portion of their time to the improvement of their cemeteries. The township boards shall direct the manner of making such improvements.

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