LABOR ASSOCIATIONS
Act 13 of 1897

AN ACT to provide for the incorporation of labor associations; and to impose certain duties on the department of commerce.

History: 1897, Act 13, Imd. Eff. Feb. 18, 1897;—Am. 1982, Act 513, Eff. Mar. 30, 1983.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

454.71 Labor associations; incorporation.

Sec. 1. That labor associations may be incorporated under the provisions of this act.

History: 1897, Act 13, Imd. Eff. Feb. 18, 1897;—CL 1897, 7434;—CL 1915, 9806;—CL 1929, 10277;—CL 1948, 454.71.

454.72 Labor associations; incorporators; articles of association, execution, contents.

Sec. 2. Any 10 or more residents of this state, who are members of any chartered body, or of different chartered bodies, which body or bodies receive their charter from the American Federation of Labor, or from any international labor organization issuing charters under authority from the American Federation of Labor, may make and execute articles of association under their hands and seals, which said articles of association shall be acknowledged before some officer of this state having authority to take acknowledgments of deeds, and shall set forth:

First, The names of the persons associating in the first instance, their places of residence and the name and location of the labor organization or organizations to which they severally belong.

Second, The corporate name by which such association shall be known in the law.

Third, The purposes of the association, which shall be to provide a building or buildings to be used in the interests of organized labor, and the period for which such association is incorporated, not exceeding 30 years.

History: 1897, Act 13, Imd. Eff. Feb. 18, 1897;—CL 1897, 7435;—CL 1915, 9807;—CL 1929, 10278;—CL 1948, 454.72.

454.73 Labor associations; articles; filing; copy of articles as evidence of existence and incorporation of association.

Sec. 3. A copy of said articles of association shall be filed with the corporation and securities bureau of the department of commerce and thereupon the persons who shall have signed said articles of association, their associates and successors, shall be a body corporate by the name expressed in such articles of association. A copy of such articles of association, under the seal of the corporation and securities bureau of the department of commerce, shall be received as prima facie evidence in all courts of this state of the existence and due incorporation of such association.

History: 1897, Act 13, Imd. Eff. Feb. 18, 1897;—CL 1897, 7436;—CL 1915, 9808;—CL 1929, 10279;—CL 1948, 454.73;—Am. 1982, Act 513, Eff. Mar. 30, 1983.

454.74 Labor associations; powers.

Sec. 4. Every corporation organized under the provisions of this act may take, receive, purchase and hold in its corporate capacity and for its corporate purposes, real and personal property, and the same or any part thereof demise, sell, convey, use and dispose of at pleasure; and may erect and own suitable building or buildings to be used in whole or in part for meetings of labor organizations or for any other purpose in the interests of labor organizations, and may borrow money, and for that purpose may issue its bonds and mortgage its property to secure the payment of said bonds.

History: 1897, Act 13, Imd. Eff. Feb. 18, 1897;—CL 1897, 7437;—CL 1915, 9809;—CL 1929, 10280;—CL 1948, 454.74.

454.75 Labor associations; stock, liability of stockholders.

Sec. 5. Every such corporation shall have full power and authority to provide by its by-laws for the issuing of certificates or shares of stock and for the manner in which the same shall be held and represented. All stockholders of every corporation formed under this act, shall be limited in their liability to creditors of any such corporation, to an amount equal to the amount unpaid on their said stock.

History: 1897, Act 13, Imd. Eff. Feb. 18, 1897;—CL 1897, 7438;—CL 1915, 9810;—CL 1929, 10281;—CL 1948, 454.75.

454.76 Labor associations; new membership; stock; board of trustees, election.

Sec. 6. Every such corporation shall have power to provide by its by-laws for succession to its original membership and for new membership, and, after it is organized, may admit to membership and sell stock to members of labor organizations recognized by the American Federation of Labor as being eligible, under its

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laws, rules and regulations, to receive charters from the said American Federation of Labor, and shall also have power to provide by its by-laws for election from its membership, of a board of trustees and to fix the number and term of office of such trustees.

History: 1897, Act 13, Imd. Eff. Feb. 18, 1897;—CL 1897, 7439;—CL 1915, 9811;—Am. 1919, Act 321, Eff. Aug. 14, 1919;—CL 1929, 10282;—CL 1948, 454.76.

454.77 Labor associations; board of trustees, powers; officers, appointment.

Sec. 7. The management and control of the business, affairs and property of such corporation shall be vested in said board of trustees, and said board shall have power to borrow any money, and cause to be made and issued any bonds and mortgages authorized by section 4 of this act. Said trustees shall appoint from their number a president, secretary and treasurer, who shall perform the duties of their respective offices in accordance with the rules and regulations prescribed by the board of trustees.

History: 1897, Act 13, Imd. Eff. Feb. 18, 1897;—CL 1897, 7440;—CL 1915, 9812;—CL 1929, 10283;—CL 1948, 454.77.

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