KNIGHTS OF LABOR OF NORTH AMERICA
Act 159 of 1883

AN ACT to provide for the incorporation of local assemblies of the order of Knights of Labor of North America, and of district assemblies thereof in the state of Michigan; and to impose certain duties upon the department of commerce.

History: 1883, Act 159, Imd. Eff. June 6, 1883;—Am. 1982, Act 447, Eff. Mar. 30, 1983.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

457.151 Local assembly; incorporation procedure.

Sec. 1. That any local assembly of the order of the Knights of Labor of North America, duly organized within this state under and pursuant to the provisions of the constitution and laws of the general assembly of the Knights of Labor of North America, may become a body corporate and politic in the manner following, viz:

First, At a regular meeting of such local assembly a resolution shall be put to a vote of the members thereof present, expressing the desire and determination of such local assembly to be incorporated, and directing the officers thereof to perfect such incorporation, and if such resolution be adopted by a 2/3 vote of all members in good standing it shall be declared adopted, otherwise lost;

Second, On such resolution being passed, the master workman and recording secretary of the assembly shall prepare articles of association under their hands and the seal of the assembly setting forth the number of persons then in good standing in the assembly desiring incorporation, the name by which the assembly is known and its number, the date of its organization, a copy of the resolution mentioned in the first subdivision of this section, the corporate name by which the assembly shall be known in the law, the general object and purpose of the association, which shall in no way conflict or be inconsistent with the object and purpose of the general assembly of the order of Knights of Labor of North America as stated in its constitution, nor in conflict or inconsistent with any law of the United States or of this state, and the period for which it is incorporated, not exceeding 30 years;

Third, A copy of such articles of association shall be filed with the corporation and securities bureau of the department of commerce together with the affidavit hereinafter named;

Fourth, The master workman and recording secretary executing such articles of association shall make and annex thereto before filing, an affidavit stating that they are respectively members of and occupy the official positions above named in said local assembly, that the resolution, a copy of which is set out in the articles of association, was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the assembly, and by a 2/3 vote of all members in good standing, and that all the statements in said articles of association are true to the best of their and each of their knowledge and belief, and that said local assembly is organized and acting under the constitution of the general assembly of the order of the Knights of Labor of North America.

History: 1883, Act 159, Imd. Eff. June 6, 1883;—How. 4577-l;—CL 1897, 7868;—CL 1915, 10305;—CL 1929, 10587;—CL 1948, 457.151;—Am. 1982, Act 447, Eff. Mar. 30, 1983.

457.152 Local assembly; body corporate and politic; name; powers; certified copy of articles and affidavit as evidence.

Sec. 2. When the foregoing requirements are complied with, the local assembly shall be a body corporate and politic by the name expressed in such articles of association, and by that name shall be a person in law, capable of suing and being sued, and a copy of said articles of association and affidavit duly certified by the corporation and securities bureau of the department of commerce, shall be prima facie evidence in all the courts of this state of the existence and incorporation of said local assembly.

History: 1883, Act 159, Imd. Eff. June 6, 1883;—How. 4577m;—CL 1897, 7869;—CL 1915, 10306;—CL 1929, 10588;—CL 1948, 457.152;—Am. 1982, Act 447, Eff. Mar. 30, 1983.

457.153 Certified copy of articles with affidavit attached as evidence.

Sec. 3. A copy of such articles of association with an affidavit attached, as provided in section 1 of this act, duly certified by the corporation and securities bureau of the department of commerce, shall in all the courts of this state be prima facie evidence of the existence and incorporation of said local assembly.

History: 1883, Act 159, Imd. Eff. June 6, 1883;—How. 4577n;—CL 1897, 7870;—CL 1915, 10307;—CL 1929, 10589;—CL 1948, 457.153;—Am. 1982, Act 447, Eff. Mar. 30, 1983.

457.154 District assembly; incorporation procedure; certified copy of articles as evidence.

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Sec. 4. Any district assembly of the order of the Knights of Labor of North America, organized and acting under and pursuant to the constitution and laws of the general assembly of the order, may become incorporated by adopting a like resolution as provided in section 1 of this act, executing articles of association under the hands of its district master workman and district recording secretary and the seal of the district assembly, containing like statements as those required in articles of association for the incorporation of local assemblies, with a like affidavit annexed, made by the above named officers, and filing the same with the corporation and securities bureau of the department of commerce. A copy thereof duly certified by the corporation and securities bureau of the department of commerce shall have the same force and effect as evidence as is provided in section 2 of this act. A certified copy of such articles may be filed with the corporation and securities bureau of the department of commerce in the same manner and shall have the same force and effect as evidence as is provided in said section.

History: 1883, Act 159, Imd. Eff. June 6, 1883;—How. 4577o;—CL 1897, 7871;—CL 1915, 10308;—CL 1929, 10590;—CL 1948, 457.154;—Am. 1982, Act 447, Eff. Mar. 30, 1983.

457.155 Property; holding, disposition.

Sec. 5. Every corporation formed pursuant to the provisions of this act may take and hold personal and real property so far as the same may be necessary or convenient for the purposes of the organization, not exceeding 50,000 dollars in amount and may convey, incumber, and deal with the same as it may from time to time determine by a majority vote of all members in good standing: Provided, That no property held and owned by such corporation shall be sold or incumbered except at a regular or special meeting of the assembly, 5 days' written notice of which shall have been given to every member in good standing and at the time being within the jurisdiction, which notice shall briefly state the disposition intended to be made of such property, describing it, and shall be signed by the district recording secretary or recording secretary, as the case may be, and with the seal of the assembly attached.

History: 1883, Act 159, Imd. Eff. June 6, 1883;—How. 4577p;—CL 1897, 7872;—CL 1915, 10309;—CL 1929, 10591;—CL 1948, 457.155.

457.156 Control of business of corporation.

Sec. 6. The management, direction, and control of the property and business of such corporation shall be vested in such of its officers and members as a majority of its members present and acting thereon at any regular meeting of the assembly shall from time to time determine.

History: 1883, Act 159, Imd. Eff. June 6, 1883;—How. 4577q;—CL 1897, 7873;—CL 1915, 10310;—CL 1929, 10592;—CL 1948, 457.156.

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