ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETIES
Act 41 of 1877

AN ACT to provide for the incorporation of St. Andrew's Societies; and impose certain duties upon the department of commerce.

History: 1877, Act 41, Imd. Eff. Mar. 30, 1877;—Am. 1982, Act 120, Imd. Eff. Apr. 19, 1982.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

457.21 St. Andrew's societies; incorporators.

Sec. 1. That any number of persons of Scottish birth, who may now or hereafter be residents of this state, or the descendants of such persons in the first or second degree, may be incorporated in pursuance of the provisions of this act.

History: 1877, Act 41, Imd. Eff. Mar. 30, 1877;—How. 4527;—CL 1897, 7811;—CL 1915, 10247;—CL 1929, 10537;—CL 1948, 457.21.

457.22 Articles of association; execution, contents.

Sec. 2. Any 10 or more persons, residents of this state, being of Scottish birth or their descendants as aforesaid, desiring to become incorporated, 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 persons associating and their places of residence;

Second, The location of the association of which they are members;

Third, The corporate name by which such association shall be known in the law: Provided, That each association incorporated under this act shall be known as "The St. Andrew's Society of (the name of the city or township where such association is located, and if more than 1 association is located in the same city or township the same shall be designated by numbers);

Fourth, The object and purpose of such association, shall be to provide for and relieve poor natives of Scotland and children and grand-children of natives of Scotland.

The period for which such association shall be incorporated shall not exceed 30 years.

History: 1877, Act 41, Imd. Eff. Mar. 30, 1877;—How. 4528;—CL 1897, 7812;—CL 1915, 10248;—CL 1929, 10538;—CL 1948, 457.22.

457.23 Filing copy of articles of association with department of commerce; signers of articles, associates, and successors as body politic and corporate; powers; evidence of existence and incorporation.

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 politic and corporate by the name expressed in such articles of association, and by that name they and their successors shall have succession and shall be persons in law, capable of suing and being sued, and they and their successors may have a common seal, and may change and alter the same at pleasure; and a certified copy of the record 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 in this state of the existence and due incorporation of such corporation.

History: 1877, Act 41, Imd. Eff. Mar. 30, 1877;—How. 4529;—CL 1897, 7813;—CL 1915, 10249;—CL 1929, 10539;—CL 1948, 457.23;—Am. 1982, Act 120, Imd. Eff. Apr. 19, 1982.

457.24 Property; holding, disposition.

Sec. 4. Every corporation formed in pursuance of this act shall be capable in its corporate name of purchasing, taking, receiving, holding, and enjoying to itself estates both real and personal: Provided, That the value of such real and personal estate shall not exceed the sum of 100,000 dollars, and that they and their successors shall have full authority and power to give, grant, sell, mortgage, lease, devise, and dispose of said real and personal estate or any part thereof, and other estates, real and personal, may acquire instead thereof at their will and pleasure, and the proceeds shall be devoted exclusively to the charitable and benevolent purposes set forth in section 2.

History: 1877, Act 41, Imd. Eff. Mar. 30, 1877;—How. 4530;—CL 1897, 7814;—CL 1915, 10250;—CL 1929, 10540;—CL 1948, 457.24.

457.25 By-laws and rules; officers, powers.

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Sec. 5. Said corporations shall have full power and authority to make and establish rules, regulations, and by-laws for regulating and governing all the affairs and business of said corporations, not contrary to the laws of this state and the United States, and to designate, elect, or appoint, from among their number such officers under such names and styles as shall be in accordance with the constitution and charter of such society, who shall have the supervision, control, and management of the affairs of said corporations.

History: 1877, Act 41, Imd. Eff. Mar. 30, 1877;—How. 4531;—CL 1897, 7815;—CL 1915, 10251;—CL 1929, 10541;—CL 1948, 457.25.

457.26 Erection of buildings; capital stock, creation, shares.

Sec. 6. Any corporation formed in pursuance of this act may erect and own such suitable edifices, buildings, or halls as such corporation shall deem necessary, with convenient rooms for the meetings of said society, and for that purpose may create a capital stock of not more than 60,000 dollars to be divided into shares of not more than 25 dollars each.

History: 1877, Act 41, Imd. Eff. Mar. 30, 1877;—How. 4532;—CL 1897, 7816;—CL 1915, 10252;—CL 1929, 10542;—CL 1948, 457.26.

457.27 Governing law; amendment of act.

Sec. 7. All corporations formed under the provisions of this act shall be subject to the provisions of chapter 73 of the Compiled Laws of this state, so far as the same may be applicable to corporations formed under this act, and the legislature may alter or amend this act at any time.

History: 1877, Act 41, Imd. Eff. Mar. 30, 1877;—How. 4533;—CL 1897, 7817;—CL 1915, 10253;—CL 1929, 10543;—CL 1948, 457.27.

Compiler's note: For provisions of chapter 73, referred to in this section, which have not been repealed or reenacted, see MCL 450.504 et seq.

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