RATHBONE SISTERS
Act 208 of 1895

AN ACT to provide for the incorporation of the grand temple and subordinate temples of the Rathbone Sisters of the state of Michigan; and to impose certain duties upon the department of commerce.

History: 1895, Act 208, Imd. Eff. May 24, 1895;—Am. 1982, Act 115, Imd. Eff. Apr. 19, 1982.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

457.651 Rathbone Sisters; incorporation of temples.

Sec. 1. That the grand temple and subordinate temples of Rathbone Sisters of the state of Michigan may be incorporated in pursuance of the provisions of this act.

History: 1895, Act 208, Imd. Eff. May 24, 1895;—CL 1897, 8010;—CL 1915, 10482;—CL 1929, 10803;—CL 1948, 457.651.

457.652 Grand temple; incorporators; articles of association, execution, contents.

Sec. 2. Any 10 or more persons residents of the state, being members of the grand temple Rathbone Sisters of the state of Michigan, desirous to become incorporated, may make and execute articles of association, under their hands and seals, which articles of association shall be acknowledged before some officer authorized by law to take acknowledgments of deeds, and shall set forth:

First, The names of the persons associating in the first instance and their places of residence;

Second, The corporate name by which such association shall be known in the law, and the place of its business office;

Third, The object and purpose of such association, which shall be to promote the general welfare of the association known as the grand temple Rathbone Sisters, and the period for which it is incorporated, not exceeding 30 years.

History: 1895, Act 208, Imd. Eff. May 24, 1895;—CL 1897, 8011;—CL 1915, 10483;—CL 1929, 10804;—CL 1948, 457.652.

457.653 Grand temple; filing copy of articles of association, charter, and constitution with department of commerce; signers of articles, associates, and successors as body politic and corporate; powers.

Sec. 3. A copy of said articles of association, together with a copy of the charter and constitution of said grand temple, shall be filed with the corporation and securities bureau of the department of commerce, and thereupon the persons who shall have signed such 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 the law, capable to purchase, take, receive, hold, and enjoy, to them and their successors, estates, real and personal, of suing and being sued, and to have a common seal, which may be altered or changed at their pleasure; Provided, That the value of such real and personal estate shall not exceed the sum of $100,000.00, but such property, both real and personal, shall be subject to assessment and taxation for all purposes as other property is assessed and taxed, and that they and their successors shall have power to give, grant, sell, lease, demise, and dispose of said real and personal estate, or part thereof, at their will and pleasure, and the proceeds, rents, and incomes shall be devoted exclusively to the charitable and benevolent purposes of the grand temple Rathbone Sisters. Said corporation shall have full power to make and establish rules, regulations, and bylaws for regulating and governing all the affairs and business of said corporation not repugnant to the constitution and laws of this state or of the United States, and to designate, elect, or appoint from its members such officers, under such name and style as shall be in accordance with the constitution of the supreme temple of the world.

History: 1895, Act 208, Imd. Eff. May 24, 1895;—CL 1897, 8012;—CL 1915, 10484;—CL 1929, 10805;—CL 1948, 457.653;—Am. 1982, Act 115, Imd. Eff. Apr. 19, 1982.

457.654 Evidence of existence and incorporation.

Sec. 4. A copy of the record of such articles of association, under the seal of the department of commerce, duly certified according to law, shall be received as prima facie evidence in all courts of this state of the existence and due incorporation of such corporation.

History: 1895, Act 208, Imd. Eff. May 24, 1895;—CL 1897, 8013;—CL 1915, 10485;—CL 1929, 10806;—CL 1948, 457.654;—Am. 1982, Act 115, Imd. Eff. Apr. 19, 1982.

457.655 Subordinate temples; chartering; existing temples; regulation.

Sec. 5. Such corporation when duly formed shall have power to institute and charter subordinate temples of

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said order within this state, and from time to time ordain, constitute and establish such general laws and by-laws, ordinances and regulations for the government of such subordinate lodges, not repugnant to law or to the constitution or regulation of the supreme temple Rathbone Sisters, as to them shall seem proper and necessary; and in case of violation or non-compliance with such ordinances, by-laws and regulations, to revoke and annul the charter granted to such subordinate temple: Provided, That the existing subordinate temple heretofore duly chartered by the grand temple of Michigan or of the world, shall be subject to the control of the said grand temple under this act as heretofore, and in the same manner, and to the same extent as those that may hereafter be instituted and chartered under this act.

History: 1895, Act 208, Imd. Eff. May 24, 1895;—CL 1897, 8014;—CL 1915, 10486;—CL 1929, 10807;—CL 1948, 457.655.

457.656 Subordinate temple; incorporation; making, executing, and filing copy of articles with department of commerce; signers of articles, associates, and successors as body politic and corporate; powers; evidence of existence and incorporation.

Sec. 6. Any 9 or more persons, residents of this state, being members of any subordinate temple, having been duly chartered by the grand temple of this state or of the supreme temple of the world, desirous to become incorporated, may make and execute articles of association under their hands and seals, specifying as provided in article 2 of this act, and file a copy of such articles 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 the law, capable to purchase, hold, enjoy, grant, sell, give, lease, and demise real and personal estate, of suing and being sued, and may have a common seal, and 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: Provided, That the value of such real and personal estate shall not exceed the sum of $100,000.00, and that they and their successors shall have authority and power to give, grant, sell, lease, demise, and dispose of said real and personal estate, or part thereof, at their will and pleasure, and the proceeds, rents, and incomes shall be devoted exclusively to the charitable and benevolent purposes of the order of Rathbone Sisters.

History: 1895, Act 208, Imd. Eff. May 24, 1895;—CL 1897, 8015;—CL 1915, 10487;—CL 1929, 10808;—CL 1948, 457.656;—Am. 1982, Act 115, Imd. Eff. Apr. 19, 1982.

457.657 Erection of building; capital stock, creation, shares; cemetery.

Sec. 7. Any corporation formed in pursuance of this act may erect and own such suitable edifice, building, or hall, as to such corporation shall seem proper, with convenient rooms for the meetings of the temples of the order of Rathbone Sisters; and for that purpose may create a capital stock of not more than 100,000 dollars, to be divided into shares of not more than 10 dollars each; and any such corporation may take, purchase, hold and own such suitable lot or parcel of ground as may be convenient for the purpose of a cemetery, and may make all lawful rules and regulations for the disposition of lots, and the burial of the dead therein, as to such corporation may seem proper: Provided, This act shall not be construed to affect municipal regulations in regard to cemeteries.

History: 1895, Act 208, Imd. Eff. May 24, 1895;—CL 1897, 8016;—CL 1915, 10488;—CL 1929, 10809;—CL 1948, 457.657.

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