FRENCH CANADIAN SOCIETY
Act 159 of 1893

AN ACT to incorporate The Union of the French Canadian Society of the United States.

History: 1893, Act 159, Imd. Eff. May 31, 1893.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

457.71 French Canadian Society; incorporation.

Sec. 1. That The Union of the French Canadian Society of the United States may be incorporated in pursuance of the provisions of this act.

History: 1893, Act 159, Imd. Eff. May 31, 1893;—CL 1897, 7855;—CL 1915, 10291;—CL 1929, 10573;—CL 1948, 457.71.

457.72 Articles of association; execution, contents.

Sec. 2. Any 10 or more persons residents of this state, being members of any French Canadian society of the state of Michigan, desirous to be incorporated may make and execute articles of association under their hands and seal, 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 the association shall be known which shall be The Union of the French Canadian Society of the United States, the place of its principal business office, and period for which it is incorporated, not exceeding 30 years;

Third, The object and purpose of the association, which shall be to unite all the French Canadian societies organized or to be organized hereafter, to promote the general welfare, to improve the mental, social, and moral condition of the members of the union, and to provide for the relief of the families and heirs of deceased members of the union, but neither such purpose nor the condition of membership in said association shall include any requirement from the members to discriminate against any person in respect to civil rights because of religious belief or affiliation.

History: 1893, Act 159, Imd. Eff. May 31, 1893;—CL 1897, 7856;—CL 1915, 10292;—CL 1929, 10574;—CL 1948, 457.72.

457.73 Articles; constitution; filing; body corporate, powers.

Sec. 3. A copy of said articles of association together with a copy of the constitution of said union shall be filed with the secretary of state, and thereupon the persons who shall have signed said articles of association, their associates and successors, shall be a body corporate and politic and known in the law and in fact by the name heretofore designated and by that name they and their successors shall have succession and shall be a person in the law capable to purchase, take, receive, own and enjoy through 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, and they and their successors shall have power to give, grant, sell, lease, demise and dispose of such 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 union.

History: 1893, Act 159, Imd. Eff. May 31, 1893;—CL 1897, 7857;—CL 1915, 10293;—CL 1929, 10575;—CL 1948, 457.73.

457.74 By-laws and rules; officers.

Sec. 4. Said corporation shall have the power to make and establish rules, regulations and by-laws for regulating and governing all the officers and business of said corporation not repugnant to the 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 union.

History: 1893, Act 159, Imd. Eff. May 31, 1893;—CL 1897, 7858;—CL 1915, 10294;—CL 1929, 10576;—CL 1948, 457.74.

457.75 Articles; certified copy as evidence.

Sec. 5. A copy of the record of said articles of association under the seal of this state duly certified according to law shall be received as prima facie evidence of the due existence and incorporation of such association in all the courts of the state and of the United States.

History: 1893, Act 159, Imd. Eff. May 31, 1893;—CL 1897, 7859;—CL 1915, 10295;—CL 1929, 10577;—CL 1948, 457.75.

457.76 Subordinate branches; chartering, powers, revocation.

Sec. 6. Such corporation when duly formed shall have power to affiliate and charter subordinate branches of said order which subordinate branches shall have power to make and adopt their own constitution and

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by-laws not repugnant to the constitution and by-laws adopted by the union or hereafter amended and adopted by the union, and in case of noncompliance with the general laws, by-laws, ordinances and regulations of the union, to revoke and annul the charter granted to such subordinate branch.

History: 1893, Act 159, Imd. Eff. May 31, 1893;—CL 1897, 7860;—CL 1915, 10296;—CL 1929, 10578;—CL 1948, 457.76.

457.77 Subordinate branches; incorporation; body corporate, powers; certified copy of articles as evidence.

Sec. 7. Any 9 or more persons, residents of this state, being members of any subordinate branch of the union desirous to become incorporated, may make and execute articles of association under their hands and seals specifying as in article 2 of this act, and file a copy of such articles with the clerk of the county in which such corporation shall be formed, which shall be recorded by the clerk in such book to be kept in his office for that purpose, 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, hold and enjoy, grant, sell, give and lease and demise real and personal estate, of suing and being sued, and 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 county where the records are kept shall be received as prima facie evidence in all courts in this state of the existence and due incorporation of said corporation, and 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 income shall be devoted exclusively to the charitable and benevolent purpose of the branch of the union.

History: 1893, Act 159, Imd. Eff. May 31, 1893;—CL 1897, 7861;—CL 1915, 10297;—CL 1929, 10579;—CL 1948, 457.77.

457.78 Insurance business.

Sec. 8. Corporations in pursuance of this act shall not be considered as engaged in the business of life insurance nor shall they be subject to the provisions of the statutes relating to life insurance or mutual benefit corporations, companies or associations.

History: 1893, Act 159, Imd. Eff. May 31, 1893;—CL 1897, 7862;—CL 1915, 10298;—CL 1929, 10580;—CL 1948, 457.78.

457.79 Principal business office; location.

Sec. 9. The principal business office of the union of the French Canadian society of the United States shall follow and be located at the place where the secretary thereof shall reside; and immediately after each election of officers of said corporation the secretary elect shall certify, under the corporate seal, his name, residence and location of such principal business office to the secretary of state.

History: Add. 1901, Act 119, Eff. Sept. 5, 1901;—CL 1915, 10299;—CL 1929, 10581;—CL 1948, 457.79.

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