ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS
Act 84 of 1879

AN ACT to provide for the incorporation of state conventions and divisions of the Ancient Order of Hibernians.


The People of the State of Michigan enact:

457.41 Ancient Order of Hibernians; incorporation.
Sec. 1. That state conventions and subordinate divisions of the Ancient Order of Hibernians of the state of Michigan may be incorporated in pursuance of the provisions of this act.


457.42 State convention; articles of association, execution, contents.
Sec. 2. Any 5 or more persons, residents of this state and being members of the [a] state convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians of the state of Michigan, desirous to become incorporated, may with the consent of such convention, 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, and their place 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 society known as the "Ancient Order of Hibernians," and the period for which it is incorporated, not exceeding 30 years.


457.43 Articles; filing; body corporate, powers.
Sec. 3. A copy of said articles of association shall be filed with the secretary of state, 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 they and their successors may have a common seal which may be changed and altered at their pleasure, provided that the value of such real and personal estate shall not exceed the sum of 100,000 dollars, and that they may and their successors shall have authority and power to give, grant, sell, lease, mortgage and dispose of said real and personal estate or any part thereof at their will and pleasure, and the proceeds thereof, rents and incomes therefrom, shall be devoted exclusively to the humane and benevolent purposes of the Ancient Order of Hibernians of the state of Michigan.


457.44 By-laws and rules; officers.
Sec. 4. Said corporation 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 corporation, according to the laws of this state and 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 said order.


457.45 Articles; certified copy as evidence.
Sec. 5. A copy of the record of such articles of association under the seal of the state, 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.

457.46 Subordinate divisions; chartering; existing divisions; regulation.

Sec. 6. Such corporation when duly formed, shall have power to institute and charter subordinate divisions within this state, and from time to time to make, ordain, constitute and establish such constitution, general laws and by-laws, ordinances and regulations as the state convention shall judge proper for the regulations and government of such subordinate division, not repugnant to the laws of this state: Provided, That the existing subordinate divisions heretofore duly chartered by the state convention, shall be subject to the control of the state conventions under this act as herefore, and in the same manner and to the same extent as those that may be hereafter instituted and chartered under this act: Provided further, That in case the corporation or persons associating in the first instance, shall by death, resignation or for other causes, under the rules of the state convention become ineligible to act in such capacity, their successors may from time to time be appointed by the state division.


457.47 Subordinate divisions; incorporation; body corporate; powers; certified copy of articles as evidence.

Sec. 7. Any 5 or more persons resident of this state, being members of a subordinate division of the "Ancient Order of Hibernians," having been duly chartered by the state convention desirous to become incorporated, may make and execute articles of association, specifying as provided in section 2 of this act, and file a copy of the same with the clerk of the county in which such corporation shall be formed, which shall be recorded by such clerk in a 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 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 county where the said record is kept shall be received as prima facie evidence in all courts of this state of the existence and due incorporation of such corporation, provided that said corporation shall be limited to the powers and provisions of section 3 of this act regarding real and personal estate and the proceeds thereof under the rules and regulations of the state convention, and may elect or appoint from among its members such officers under such name and style as shall be in accordance with its constitution.


457.48 Business office; change of location.

Sec. 8. The location of the business office of the state convention may be changed at any time upon filing a written notice of such change in the office of the secretary of state within 20 days from the time of the change of such location, and any subordinate division may change the location of its business office upon filing a like notice in the office of the clerk of the county where such corporation is organized.