# ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETIES
# Act 134 of 1871

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

**History:** 1871, Act 134, Imd. Eff. Apr. 15, 1871;—Am. 1982, Act 102, Imd. Eff. Apr. 19, 1982.

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

## 457.1 St. George's societies; incorporators.

Sec. 1. That any number of persons of English 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 provision of this act.

**History:** 1871, Act 134, Imd. Eff. Apr. 15, 1871;—CL 1871, 3246;—How. 4520;—CL 1897, 7804;—CL 1915, 10240;—CL 1929, 10521;—CL 1948, 457.1.

## 457.2 Articles of association; execution, contents.

Sec. 2. Any 10 or more persons residents of this state, being of English 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 acknowledgment of deeds, and shall set forth:

First. The names of persons associating, and their place 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. George Society" of (the name of the city or township where such association is located, and if more than 1 such association is located in the same city or township, the same shall be designated by number.)

Fourth. The object and purpose of such association, which shall be to provide for the relief of distressed members and their families (provided such distress is not occasioned by drunkenness or crime), the visitation of the sick, the burial of the dead, and to aid and assist the widows and orphans of deceased members, and in the discretion of the society to relieve and advise distressed immigrants, and others from that part of Great Britain south of the Tweed, and the isles adjacent thereto, and their sons and grandsons.

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

**History:** 1871, Act 134, Imd. Eff. Apr. 15, 1871;—CL 1871, 3247;—How. 4521;—CL 1897, 7805;—CL 1915, 10241;—CL 1929, 10522;—CL 1948, 457.2.

## 457.3 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. 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 the law, capable of suing and being sued, and they and their successors may have a common seal, and the same may change and alter 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:** 1871, Act 134, Imd. Eff. Apr. 15, 1871;—CL 1871, 3248;—How. 4522;—CL 1897, 7806;—CL 1915, 10242;—CL 1929, 10523;—CL 1948, 457.3;—Am. 1982, Act 102, Imd. Eff. Apr. 19, 1982.

## 457.4 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 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 charitable and benevolent purposes set forth in section 2.

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**History:** 1871, Act 134, Imd. Eff. Apr. 15, 1871;—CL 1871, 3249;—How. 4523;—CL 1897, 7807;—CL 1915, 10243;—CL 1929, 10524;—CL 1948, 457.4.

### 457.5 By-laws and rules; officers, powers.

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 style as shall be in accordance with the constitution or charter of said society, who shall have the supervision, control, and management of the affairs of said corporations.

**History:** 1871, Act 134, Imd. Eff. Apr. 15, 1871;—CL 1871, 3250;—How. 4524;—CL 1897, 7808;—CL 1915, 10244;—CL 1929, 10525;—CL 1948, 457.5.

### 457.6 Erection of buildings; capital stock, creation, shares.

Sec. 6. Any corporations 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 meeting 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:** 1871, Act 134, Imd. Eff. Apr. 15, 1871;—CL 1871, 3251;—How. 4525;—CL 1897, 7809;—CL 1915, 10245;—CL 1929, 10526;—CL 1948, 457.6.

### 457.7 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:** 1871, Act 134, Imd. Eff. Apr. 15, 1871;—CL 1871, 3252;—How. 4526;—CL 1897, 7810;—CL 1915, 10246;—CL 1929, 10527;—CL 1948, 457.7.

**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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