THE INSURANCE CODE OF 1956 (EXCERPT) Act 218 of 1956

500.5222 Corporate life; extension.

Sec. 5222. An insurance corporation whose term is about to expire by limitation may, at any time within 2 years before the expiration of the term, by a vote of a majority of its capital stock or its members present and voting, or if a fraternal benefit society by a majority vote of its governing body or board, as the case may be, at any annual meeting or at any special meeting of its stockholders, or members, or governing body or board, as the case may be, called for that purpose, upon such notice as is provided for in the case of amendments to articles of incorporation by section 5214, direct the continuance of its corporate existence for a further term, not less than 30 years from the expiration of the existing term, as may be expressed in a resolution for that purpose. The president and secretary of the members or governing body or board or stockholders' meeting shall make and sign duplicate copies of the resolution, and its passage shall be verified by the oath of the secretary attached to each of the copies. One of the copies shall be filed in the office of the commissioner and the filed copy or a certified copy of it shall be prima facie evidence of the passage of the resolution and of the extension of the corporate life. However, the filing fee prescribed by section 240(1)(a), for insurers organized in this state, shall be paid before the term shall be extended. This action may also be taken after the expiration of a charter, with the consent in writing of the commissioner. The commissioner shall give this consent only if the commissioner has determined, after examination of the corporation, that the corporation is safe, reliable, and entitled to public confidence. The renewal term of the corporation shall begin from the expiration of the former term, and the corporation whose term has thus been renewed shall be the same corporation and own all its property, and be subject to all its liabilities, and shall have the same stockholders and members and the same officers. The rights of all persons interested in the corporation shall continue as before such extension. The articles of incorporation and bylaws shall continue the same until changed or amended by the corporation in the manner required by law.

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