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river, or the said structure shall be altogether removed if in the judgment of the Secretary of War the public good may require such removal, and without expense or charge to the United States.

Time of construction.

SEC. 7. That this Act shall be null and void if actual construction of said bridge be not commenced within one year and completed within three years from the date of the approval of this Act.

Amendment.

SEC. 8. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

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CHAP. 146.—An Act To incorporate the Eastern Star Home for the District of Columbia.

District of Columbia. Eastern Star Home incorporated. Incorporators.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Alcena Lamond, L. Cabell Williamson, and John A. Moyer, of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of the District of Columbia, and John F. O'Neill, of Ruth Chapter Numbered One; Mary B. Okey, of Electa Chapter Numbered Two; Annie V. Yeatman, of Naomi Chapter Numbered Three; M. Ella Espey, of Martha Chapter Numbered Four; Clara Barnard, of Esther Chapter Numbered Five; Fred. J. Randolph, of Bethlehem Chapter Numbered Seven; Henry G. Wagner, of Mizpah Chapter Numbered Eight; Grace Holtzclaw, of Adah Chapter Numbered Nine, and Matilda R. Sprague, of Areme Chapter Numbered Ten, being the constituent chapters under the said Grand Chapter, and their successors to be selected in the manner hereinafter declared, representing the several bodies before named of the Order of the Eastern Star, be, and they are hereby, incorporated and made a body politic and corporate, in the District of Columbia, by the name of "The Eastern Star Home of the District of Columbia," and by that name may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any court of law or equity of competent jurisdiction, and may have and use a common seal, and the same change at pleasure, and be entitled to use and exercise all the powers, rights, and privileges incident to such corporation.

Name of corporation.

Purposes.

SEC. 2. That the particular business and object of such corporation shall be to provide and maintain, under the direction of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of the District of Columbia, a home for needy and worthy master masons of this jurisdiction, their needy and worthy widows and orphans, and needy and worthy members of the Order of the Eastern Star of this jurisdiction and their needy and worthy orphans, under such rules and regulations as the board of directors, acting under said Grand Chapter, shall make and establish, not inconsistent with the laws of the United States.

Property powers.

SEC. 3. That the said corporation shall be capable of taking and holding real and personal estate by gift, purchase, or devise, which estate, real and personal, shall never be divided among the members of the said corporation, but shall descend to their successors duly elected and appointed in the manner hereinafter declared by the bodies they represent, for the promotion of the principles of the said corporation and the benevolent purposes of the Order of the Eastern Star; that the said corporation shall take and hold no more real estate than is necessary for the purposes of said home and its proper support, and to suitably and conveniently carry out the benevolent purposes for which this charter is granted.

Limit of real estate holdings, etc.

Board of directors.

SEC. 4. That the government and direction of the affairs of the said corporation shall be invested in a board of directors consisting of

the persons named in the first section of this Act, representing the several bodies of the Order of the Eastern Star, and their successors, selected in the manner hereinafter declared by the Eastern Star bodies they represent, who shall hold their office for one year and until others are duly elected and qualified to take their places as directors; and the said directors shall elect one of their number to be president of the board, who shall also be president of the corporation, and shall elect a secretary from among their number, who shall also be secretary of the corporation, and they shall also choose a treasurer from their number, who shall give bond, with surety, to said corporation, in such sum as said directors may require, for the faithful discharge of his or her duties. A majority of the directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. In case of a vacancy in the board of directors by death, resignation, or otherwise of any director, the vacancy occasioned thereby shall be filled by the Eastern Star body represented by said director.

Term of office.

Bond of treasurer.

Quorum.

SEC. 5. That the directors shall have full power to make and prescribe such by-laws, rules, and regulations as they shall deem proper for the disposition and management of the property, estate, effects, and affairs of the said corporation not contrary to the charter or to the laws of the United States or to the laws and regulations of said Grand Chapter, and shall have power to alter or amend the same as the interests of the corporation in their opinion may require.

General powers.

SEC. 6. That the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of the District of Columbia shall be entitled, at its first annual election after the granting of this charter, and annually thereafter, to select by ballot three of its members as successors to the three persons then or last representing it as members of this corporation whose annual term expires next thereafter or which may have expired next before that time; that each of the constituent chapters named in the first section of this Act shall be entitled, at its annual session, and annually thereafter, to select by ballot one of its members as a successor to the person then or last representing it as a member of this corporation whose annual term expires next thereafter or which may have expired next before that time, so that said corporation shall forever consist of three directors from the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of the District of Columbia and one director from each of the constituent chapters under said Grand Chapter: *Provided, however*, That, should any of the said several Eastern Star bodies named in the first section of this Act surrender or forfeit its Eastern Star charter or warrant or from any cause cease to be recognized by the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of the District of Columbia, it shall not thereafter be entitled to any representation in said corporation, nor shall the continued corporate existence and rights of said corporation be in any wise affected thereby so long as there are five corporators qualified to act as such.

Annual election.

Proviso. Forfeiture of charter.

SEC. 7. That any constituent chapter hereafter instituted by said Grand Chapter shall be entitled at its next annual election to elect one of its members as a member of the board of directors of said corporation, and shall be admitted to a representation in said corporation upon an equal footing under the same rules and regulations as the several constituent chapters named in the first section of this Act.

Constituent chapters.

SEC. 8. That this Act may be altered, amended, or repealed at the pleasure of the Congress of the United States of America.

Amendment.

Approved, March 10, 1902.