Public Law 293 CHAPTER 131

AN ACT

To incorporate the Conference of State Societies, Washington, District of Columbia.

April 3, 1952
[H.R. 4467]

Conference of State Societies, D. C. Incorporation.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following named persons:

Honorable Albert Rains, Gadsden, Alabama; Miss Ruth James, Gadsden, Alabama; Hoyt G. Irving, 512 Hoatson Street, Warren, Arizona; Miss Mary Capps, Nogales, Arizona; Claude M. Hirst, Prescott, Arkansas; Mrs. Gertrude Scott, 1123 Stratford Avenue, South Pasadena, California; Howard W. Scott, Box 122, Palisade, Colorado; Benjamin Sherman, Hartford, Connecticut; Miss Catherine Flynn, Meriden, Connecticut; Honorable J. Caleb Boggs, 1250 Kynlyn Drive, Wilmington, Delaware; Mrs. Ruth F. Henderson, Seaford, Delaware; Charles A. Henderson, Seaford, Delaware; Charles G. Lavin, Jacksonville, Florida; Miss Utha Gray Smith, Orange Court Hotel, Orlando, Florida; Colonel K. N. Parkinson, Blackfoot, Idaho; Honorable Addison T. Smith, Twin Falls, Idaho;

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Purposes.

SEC. 2. The purposes of this corporation shall be to promote friendly and cooperative relations between the various State and Territorial societies in the District of Columbia, and to foster, participate in, and encourage educational, cultural, charitable, civic, and patriotic programs and activities in the District of Columbia and surrounding communities, to act as contact agent with States for carrying out State and National programs.

Powers.

SEC. 3. The corporation shall have the following powers:

(a) To sue and be sued, complain and defend in any court of competent jurisdiction;

(b) To adopt, alter, and use a corporate seal;

(c) To choose such officers, managers, and agents as the business of the corporation may require;

(d) To ordain and establish bylaws and regulations, not inconsistent with the laws of the United States of America or of any State in which the corporation operates, for the management of its property and the regulation of its affairs;

(e) To contract and be contracted with;

(f) To take and hold by lease, gift, purchase, grant, devise, or bequest any property, real or personal, necessary for carrying into effect the purposes of the corporation, subject to applicable provisions of law of any State (1) governing the amount or kind of real and personal property which may be held by, or (2) otherwise limiting or controlling the ownership of real and personal property by, a corporation operating in such State;

(g) To transfer or convey real or personal property;

(h) To borrow money for the purposes of the corporation, issue notes, bonds, or other evidences of indebtedness therefor, and secure the same by mortgage, subject in every case to all applicable provisions of Federal or State law;

(i) To use and display such emblems and badges as it may adopt;

(j) To publish a newspaper, magazine, or other publication consistent with its corporate purposes;

(k) To do any and all acts necessary and proper to carry out the purposes of the corporation.

Headquarters, etc.

SEC. 4. (a) The headquarters and principal offices of the corporation shall be located in Washington, District of Columbia, but the activities of the corporation shall not be confined to that place, but may be conducted throughout the various States and Territories of the United States.

Agent to accept service of process.

(b) The corporation shall maintain at all times in the District of Columbia a designated agent authorized to accept service of process for the Corporation, such designation to be filed in the office of the clerk of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia. Notice to, or service upon, such agent, or mailed to the address of such agent, shall be deemed sufficient notice or service upon the corporation.

Membership.

SEC. 5. The membership of the corporation shall be made up of the members of the various State and Territorial societies in the District of Columbia. Eligibility for membership in the corporation and the rights and privileges of members shall, except as provided in this Act, be determined according to the regulations and bylaws of the corporation.

Officers.

SEC. 6. The officers of the corporation shall be a president, first vice president, second vice president, secretary, assistant secretary, treasurer, assistant treasurer, historian, and such other officers as may be designated by the governing body.

Governing body.

SEC. 7. (a) The governing body of the corporation shall be a board of representatives which shall consist of one representative from each State society and Territorial society in the District of Columbia. Such board of representatives shall exercise the powers herein granted to the corporation, and each member of such board shall have one vote upon all matters determined.

Election of officers.

(b) The officers shall be elected by such board of representatives at an annual meeting and shall serve for a term of one year.

Board of representatives.

(c) The first board of representatives shall be composed of the following:

Chairman, Charles LeRoy Haines; first vice chairman, Lawrence Scheewe; second vice chairman, Mrs. Esther Costa; secretary, Miss Bessie D. Thrasher; assistant secretary, Miss Dorothy Bigelow; treasurer, Mrs. Charles Henderson; regional directors, William J. Fleming, chairman; region I, Miss Catherine Flynn; region II, William Clay; region III, John Slear; region IV, James A. Davis; region V, Arnold M. Lederer; region VI, Miss Carlotta Reedy; region VII, Claude M. Hirst; region VIII, Major Robert Joy; region IX, Colonel K. N. Parkinson.

Ray E. Davis, Hoyt G. Irving, Mrs. Gertrude J. Scott, John J. Shaforth, Miss Utah Gray Smith, Ernest W. Ellis, Gertrude L.

Groman, Mrs. Edna Rose Pearson, Mrs. Donald O. Hayes, James H. Pearson, William McMenamin, Wilfred S. Dowling, John S. Bartlett, Mrs. Maurine Howard Abernathy, Carl M. Walker, Don Cassidy, William Garnett Lee, Walter Haefs, Heber H. Rice, Miss Marion Jones, Miss Dorothy Hurley, Charles F. Sharkey, Arthur Angel, Ralph A. Patterson, Miss Hazel Ireman.

Acquisition of certain assets.

SEC. 8. The corporation may acquire any or all of the assets of the existing organization known as the Conference of State Societies, Washington, District of Columbia, upon discharging or providing for the payment and discharge of all its liabilities; and shall promptly file with the Congress full information with respect to such discharge provisions.

Information to Congress.

Distribution of assets.

SEC. 9. No part of the income or assets of the corporation shall inure or be distributable to any member or officer thereof except upon dissolution and final liquidation of the corporation as provided in section 17 of this Act.

Propaganda.

SEC. 10. No part of the activities of the corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda.

Political contributions.

SEC. 11. The corporation, and its members and officers as such, shall not contribute to or otherwise support or assist any political party or candidate for elective public office.

Acts of officers.

SEC. 12. The corporation shall be liable for the acts of its officers and agents when acting within the scope of their authority.

Records of account, etc.

SEC. 13. The corporation shall keep current and complete books and records of account and shall also keep minutes of the proceedings of its members and of the board of representatives or committees having any authority of the board of representatives. It shall keep at its principal office a record of the names and addresses of its members entitled to vote. All books and records of the corporation may be inspected by any member or his agent or attorney for any proper purpose at any reasonable time.

Stock.

SEC. 14. The corporation shall not have or issue any shares of stock, nor declare or pay any dividends.

Loans.

SEC. 15. The corporation shall not make any loans to its officers or members of the board of representatives. Any officer or board of representatives member who votes for or assents to the making of a loan or advance to an officer or board of representatives member, and any officer or board of representatives member who participates in the making of such a loan or advance, shall be jointly and severally liable to the corporation for the amount of such loan until the repayment thereof.

Annual audit.

SEC. 16. (a) The financial transactions shall be audited annually by an independent certified public accountant in accordance with the principles and procedures applicable to commercial corporate transactions. The audit shall be conducted at the place or places where the accounts of the corporation are normally kept. All books, accounts, financial records, reports, files, and all other papers, things, or property belonging to or in use by the corporation and necessary to facilitate the audit shall be made available to the person or persons conducting the audit; and full facilities for verifying transactions with the balances or securities held by depositors, fiscal agents, and custodians shall be afforded to such person or persons.

Report to Congress.

(b) A report of such audit shall be made by the corporation to the Congress not later than July 15 of each year. The report shall set forth the scope of the audit and shall include a verification by the person or persons conducting the audit of statements of (1) assets and liabilities, (2) capital and surplus or deficit, (3) surplus or deficit analysis, (4) income and expense, and (5) sources and application of funds.

Liquidation.

SEC. 17. Upon final dissolution or liquidation of the corporation, and after the discharge or satisfaction of all outstanding obligations and liabilities, the remaining assets of the corporation shall be divided equally among the State and Territorial societies in the District of Columbia.

Exclusive right to name, etc.

SEC. 18. The Corporation shall have the exclusive right to use, in carrying out its purposes, the name, "Conference of State Societies, Washington, D. C.," and such seals, emblems, and badges as it may adopt.

Exercise of power, etc.

SEC. 19. As a condition precedent to the exercise in any State of any power or privilege granted or conferred by this Act, the corporation shall serve notice upon the secretary of state, or similar officer, of any such State of the name and address of an authorized agent in such State upon whom legal process or demands against the corporation may be served.

"State."

SEC. 20. As used in this Act the word State includes the District of Columbia.

Reservation of rights.

SEC. 21. The right to repeal, alter, or amend this Act at any time is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved April 3, 1952.

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AN ACT

April 3, 1952
[H.R. 5598]

To authorize the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs to convey a parcel of land to the Mount Olivet Cemetery Association, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Veterans' Administration. Conveyance.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs is authorized to convey, without monetary consideration, to the Mount Olivet Cemetery Association, Salt Lake City, Utah, all the right, title, and interest of the United States in and to the following-described parcel of land in Salt Lake County, Utah:

Beginning at the southeast corner of land of the Mount Olivet Cemetery Association granted by Act of Congress, approved January 23, 1909, which likewise is the southwest corner of the United States Veterans' Administration hospital reservation, Salt Lake City, Utah; thence north no degrees eight minutes forty seconds west along the westerly boundary of the Veterans' Administration hospital reservation two thousand eight hundred thirteen and sixty-five one-hundredths feet to a point, which point is the northwest corner of lands described in a deed of easement from the United States of America to the State of Utah for public-highway purposes, dated June 29, 1948, and recorded in land records of Salt Lake County, Utah, October 2, 1948, in book 638, page 68; thence east no degrees no minutes no seconds a distance of ten and six-tenths feet; thence south no degrees eight minutes forty seconds east and parallel to the westerly boundary of the Veterans' Administration hospital reservation two thousand eight hundred thirteen and sixty-five one-hundredths feet to the south boundary of said reservation; thence south eighty-nine degrees fifty-nine minutes fifty seconds west a distance of ten and six-tenths feet to the point of beginning.

Deed of conveyance.

SEC. 2. The deed of conveyance shall provide that the parcel of land so conveyed shall be used only for cemetery purposes and that if the Mount Olivet Cemetery Association ceases to use such parcel for those purposes or attempts to alienate all or any part of such parcel, title thereto shall revert to the United States.