

played in developing those social, economic, and spiritual values which are essential in maintaining the free and democratic institutions of our Republic;

(5) to establish and maintain a library and museum for the collection and preservation for posterity of agricultural tools, implements, machines, vehicles, pictures, paintings, books, papers, documents, data, relics, mementos, artifacts, and other items relating to agriculture;

(6) to cooperate with other organizations interested in similar projects; and

(7) to engage in other activities appropriate to carry out its purposes.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
20102 .....	36:973(A) (1st sentence words before proviso, last sentence), (B)-(G).	Aug. 31, 1960, Pub. L. 86-680, §3(A) (1st sentence words before proviso, last sentence), (B)-(G), 74 Stat. 573.

In clause (1), the words “and apply the whole or”, “therefrom”, “thereof”, and “duly” and 36:973(A) (1st sentence) are omitted as unnecessary. The text of 36:973(A) (last sentence) is omitted as unnecessary.

In clause (2), the words “of America” are omitted as unnecessary.

In clause (3), the words “those individuals” are substituted for “such persons” for clarity. The word “edifices” is omitted as included in “buildings”. The word “deemed” is omitted as unnecessary.

In clause (4), the word “promote” is substituted for “foster, promote, and encourage” to eliminate redundant words.

In clause (7), the words “other activities appropriate to carry out its purposes” are substituted for “any and all activities incidental thereto or necessary, suitable, or proper for the accomplishment of any of the aforementioned purposes” for consistency in the revised title and to eliminate unnecessary words.

§ 20103. Membership

(a) ELIGIBILITY.—Except as provided in this chapter, eligibility for membership in the corporation and the rights, privileges, and designation of classes of members are as provided in the bylaws.

(b) VOTING.—Each member given voting rights by the bylaws has one vote on each matter submitted to a vote at a meeting of the voting members. The vote may be cast in the manner provided in the bylaws.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
20103 .....	36:976.	Aug. 31, 1960, Pub. L. 86-680, §6, 74 Stat. 575.

In subsection (a), the words “are as provided in the bylaws” are substituted for “shall . . . be determined as the bylaws of the corporation may provide” to eliminate unnecessary words.

In subsection (b), the words “the right to” are omitted as unnecessary.

§ 20104. Governing body

(a) BOARD OF GOVERNORS.—(1) The board of governors is the governing body of the corporation. Between meetings of the members of the corporation, the board is responsible for the general policies and program of the corporation and for the control of all funds of the corporation.

(2) The number of governors, their manner of selection (including the filling of vacancies), and their term of office are as provided in the bylaws. However, the board shall have at least 15 members.

(3) The board may appoint committees. Each committee has the powers provided in the bylaws or by resolution of the board. The powers of a committee may include all the powers of the board.

(b) OFFICERS.—(1) The officers of the corporation are a president, one or more vice presidents as provided in the bylaws, a secretary, a treasurer, one or more assistant secretaries and assistant treasurers, and other officers as provided in the bylaws.

(2) The manner of election, term of office, and duties of the officers are as provided in the bylaws.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
20104(a) .....	36:977.	Aug. 31, 1960, Pub. L. 86-680, §§7, 8, 74 Stat. 575.
20104(b) .....	36:978.	

In subsection (a), the text of 36:977(a) is omitted as executed and obsolete. In paragraph (3), the words “and exercise” are omitted as unnecessary.

§ 20105. Powers

The corporation may—

(1) adopt and amend bylaws for the management of its property and the regulation of its affairs;

(2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;

(3) choose officers, managers, agents, and employees as the activities of the corporation require;

(4) make contracts;

(5) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as necessary or convenient to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

(6) borrow money, issue instruments of indebtedness, and secure its obligations by granting security interests in its property; and

(7) sue and be sued.

(Pub. L. 105-225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1285.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
20105 .....	36:974(2)-(9).  36:987.	Aug. 31, 1960, Pub. L. 86-680, §§4(2)-(9), 17, 74 Stat. 574, 577.

In this section, the text of 36:987 is omitted as executed and obsolete.

In clause (1), the words “and alter” are omitted as unnecessary.

In clause (2), the word “use” is omitted as unnecessary.

In clause (4), the words “make contracts” are substituted for “contract and be contracted with” to eliminate unnecessary words.

Clause (5) is substituted for “take by lease, gift, purchase, grant, devise, or bequest from any private corporation, association, partnership, firm, or individual and to hold any property, real, personal, or mixed, necessary or convenient for attaining the objects and carrying into effect the purposes of the corporation” in 36:974(7) and “transfer, convey, lease, sublease, encumber and otherwise alienate real, personal or mixed property” in 36:974(8) for consistency in the revised title and to eliminate unnecessary words. The words “subject, however, to applicable provisions of law of any State (A) governing the amount or kind of property which may be held by, or (B) otherwise limiting or controlling the ownership of property by, a corporation operating in such State” in 36:974(7) are omitted as unnecessary.

In clause (6), the words “issue instruments of indebtedness, and secure its obligations by granting security interests in its property” are substituted for “issue bonds therefor, and secure the same by mortgage, deed of trust, pledge or otherwise” for consistency in the revised title and to eliminate unnecessary words. The words “for the purposes of the corporation” and “subject in every case to all applicable provisions of Federal and State laws” are omitted as unnecessary.

In clause (7), the words “complain and defend in any court of competent jurisdiction” are omitted as unnecessary.

**§ 20106. Restrictions**

(a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or declare or pay a dividend.

(b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or a governor, officer, employee, or member as such may not contribute to, support, or assist a political party or candidate for public office.

(c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a governor, officer, or member as such during the life of the corporation or on its dissolution or final liquidation. This subsection does not prevent the payment of compensation to an officer or employee in an amount approved by the board of governors.

(d) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan or advance to a governor, officer, employee, or member. Governors who vote for or assent to making a loan or advance to a governor, officer, employee, or member, and officers who participate in making the loan or advance, are jointly and severally liable to the corporation for the amount of the loan or advance until it is repaid.

(e) CONTRIBUTIONS TO CERTAIN ORGANIZATIONS.—None of the principal or interest of a fund referred to in section 20102(1) of this title may be contributed to an organization if—

- (1) a substantial part of its activities is carrying on propaganda or attempting to influence legislation; or
- (2) any part of its net earnings benefits a private shareholder or individual.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1285.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
20106(a) .....	36:982.	Aug. 31, 1960, Pub. L. 86–680, §§3(A) (1st sentence proviso), 9, 10, 12, 74 Stat. 573, 575, 576.
20106(b) .....	36:980.	
20106(c) .....	36:979(a).	
20106(d) .....	36:979(b).	
20106(e) .....	36:973(A) (proviso).	

In subsection (a), the words “any shares of” are omitted as unnecessary.

In subsection (d), the words “or advance” are added in 2 places for consistency in the subsection.

**§ 20107. Principal office**

The principal office of the corporation shall be in Kansas City, Kansas, or another place decided by the board of governors. However, the activities of the corporation are not confined to the place where the principal office is located but may be conducted throughout the States, territories, and possessions of the United States.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
20107 .....	36:975(a).	Aug. 31, 1960, Pub. L. 86–680, §5(a), 74 Stat. 574.

The word “various” is omitted as unnecessary.

**§ 20108. Records and inspection**

(a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

- (1) correct and complete records of account;
- (2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of governors, and committees having any of the authority of its board of governors; and
- (3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of its members entitled to vote.

(b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper purpose, at any reasonable time.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
20108(a) .....	36:983 (1st sentence).	Aug. 31, 1960, Pub. L. 86–680, §13, 74 Stat. 576.
20108(b) .....	36:983 (last sentence).	

The word “records” is substituted for “books and records” for consistency in the revised title and with other titles of the United States Code.

**§ 20109. Service of process**

The corporation shall have a designated agent in the District of Columbia to receive service of process for the corporation. Notice to or service on the agent is notice to or service on the corporation.

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