**ANCIENT ORDER OF FORESTERS**
**Act 116 of 1889**

AN ACT to provide for the incorporation of subordinate courts of the Ancient Order of Foresters; and to impose certain duties upon the department of commerce.

**History:** 1889, Act 116, Eff. Oct. 2, 1889;—Am. 1982, Act 122, Imd. Eff. Apr. 19, 1982.

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

## 457.541 Subordinate court; manner of becoming body corporate and politic.

Sec. 1. That any subordinate court of the Ancient Order of Foresters duly organized within this state, under and pursuant to the provisions of the constitution and laws of the Ancient Order of Foresters' friendly society may become a body corporate and politic in the manner following:

First, At some regular court of such order a resolution shall be put to vote of the members thereof expressing the desire and determination of said court to be incorporated, and directing the officers thereof to perfect such incorporation, and if such resolution receives a 2/3 vote of the members present it shall be declared passed, otherwise lost;

Second, On such resolution being so passed, the worthy chief ranger and the recording secretary shall prepare articles of association under their hands and the seal of the court, setting forth the number of persons then in good standing in the court desiring incorporation, the name by which the court is known, the date of its organization, a copy of the resolution mentioned in the first subdivision of this act, the corporate name by which the court shall be known in the law, the object and purposes of the association, which shall in no way conflict or be inconsistent with the object and purposes of the Ancient Order of Foresters' friendly society as stated in its constitution, and the period for which it is incorporated, not exceeding 30 years;

Third, A copy of such articles of association shall be filed with the corporation and securities bureau of the department of commerce;

Fourth, The worthy chief ranger and the recording secretary executing such articles of association or incorporation shall make and annex thereto, before filing, an affidavit stating that they are respectively members of and occupy the official positions above named in said court; that the resolution, a copy of which is set out in the articles of association, was duly passed at a regular meeting of said court, and received a 2/3 majority of all members present, and that all the statements in said articles of association are true, to the best to their and each of their knowledge and belief, and that said court is organized and acting under the constitution of the Ancient Order of Foresters' friendly society.

**History:** 1889, Act 116, Eff. Oct. 2, 1889;—How. 4577a;—CL 1897, 8066;—CL 1915, 10540;—CL 1929, 10745;—CL 1948, 457.541;—Am. 1982, Act 122, Imd. Eff. Apr. 19, 1982.

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## 457.542 Subordinate court as body corporate and politic; powers; evidence of existence and incorporation.

Sec. 2. When all the foregoing requirements are complied with, the subordinate court shall be a body corporate and politic by the name expressed in such articles of association, and by that name shall be a person in law capable of suing and being sued, with full power and authority to transact the business of said association, and a copy of said articles of association and affidavit, duly certified by the corporation and securities bureau of the department of commerce, under the seal of the department of commerce, shall be prima facie evidence in all the courts of this state of the existence and incorporation of said subordinate court.

**History:** 1889, Act 116, Eff. Oct. 2, 1889;—How. 4577b;—CL 1897, 8067;—CL 1915, 10541;—CL 1929, 10746;—CL 1948, 457.542;—Am. 1982, Act 122, Imd. Eff. Apr. 19, 1982.

## 457.543 Property; holding, disposition.

Sec. 3. Every corporation formed pursuant to the provisions of this act, may take and hold personal and real property, so far as may be necessary for the proper purposes of the organization, not exceeding 50,000 dollars in amount, and convey, dispose of and deal with the same as it may from time to time determine by a 2/3 vote of members present at any regular meeting and voting thereon at any annual meeting or at any special meeting called especially for that purpose.

**History:** 1889, Act 116, Eff. Oct. 2, 1889;—How. 4577c;—CL 1897, 8068;—CL 1915, 10542;—CL 1929, 10747;—CL 1948, 457.543.

## 457.544 Property and business; management and control.

Sec. 4. The management, direction and control of the property and business of such corporation shall be



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vested in such of its officers and persons as the constitution and by-laws of such subordinate court may direct, but when no special rule exists, then as a 2/3 majority of the members present at any regular meeting and acting thereon shall from time to time determine.

**History:** 1889, Act 116, Eff. Oct. 2, 1889;—How. 4577d;—CL 1897, 8069;—CL 1915, 10543;—CL 1929, 10748;—CL 1948, 457.544.

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