

CHAPTER 408.

AN ACT to amend an act entitled, "An act to incorporate the Family Protective Association, of Milwaukee," approved March 11, 1869.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

Amended.

SECTION 1. Chapter four hundred and sixty-seven, of the private and local laws of the year 1869, entitled, "An act to incorporate the Family Protective Association, of Milwaukee," is hereby amended so as to read as follows, to-wit: Section one. John Trandt, John Lochemes, John Fellenz, Joseph Baldauf, William Kaspar, Peter Schuemmels, Anton Koch, B. Krimmer, and William Harks, and such other persons as have and may hereafter become associated with them, are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate, located in the city of Milwaukee, and known under the name of the Family Protective Association, of Milwaukee, for the purpose of affording help and relief to the families of their members in case of death, and for aiding said society in obtaining funds to maintain and perpetuate said society.

Names of corporators.

General powers of corporation.

SECTION 2. The said society shall have power to contract and to be contracted with, to sue and be sued, to plead and to be pleaded, to answer and to be answered unto, to defend and to be defended, in all courts of law and equity in the state, and shall have perpetual succession, and be vested with all powers and privileges necessary to carry out and fulfill the object of their corporation.

Constitution and by-laws.

SECTION 3. This corporation shall have further power to establish for its government a constitution and by-laws not inconsistent with the constitution and laws of this state, to have and use a common seal, and to alter the same at pleasure, and to take by gift, grant or devise, and hold and convey real and personal property not exceeding in value one hundred thousand dollars.

May hold property.

Power of corporation to elect officers and prescribe their duties.

SECTION 4. The said corporation shall have power to elect such officers as they shall deem necessary, who shall hold their several offices for the time that may be prescribed by the constitution and by-laws thereof, and until their successors shall be duly elected and qualified; to prescribe their powers and duties, and may require bonds for the faithful performance

thereof, in such penal sum and with such sureties as they may choose.

SECTION 5. The officers of this corporation shall be and constitute a board of trustees, in whom shall be vested the control and disposal of the funds, property and estate, and the direction and management of all the concerns of said corporation, under such directions as may be imposed by the rules and regulations thereof.

Board of trustees.

SECTION 6. The property, real and personal, of said corporation, shall be devoted solely to the purposes and objects of said association, and all the real and personal estate which may hereafter be lawfully conveyed by devise, gift, grant, purchase, or otherwise, to said association, shall descend, with improvements, in perpetual succession.

To what purposes property to be devoted.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 13, 1876.

CHAPTER 409.

[Published April 4, 1876.]

AN ACT to authorize the governor to appoint commissioners to investigate the claim of Nelson McNeal against the state, and to report to the next legislature.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. The governor is hereby authorized to appoint a commission, consisting of not less than three nor more than five members, whose duty it shall be to hear the proofs for and against the claim of Nelson McNeal against the State of Wisconsin, growing out of the construction, by said McNeal, of certain buildings for the hospital for the insane at Madison, and report to the next legislature the testimony taken, with their opinion thereon, as to whether, according to equity and good conscience, any sum should be allowed by the state to said McNeal, and if so, how much, the said report not to be considered as an award, binding, in any sense, on the state, but simply as a basis for the action of the legislature; *provided*, that it shall be the duty of the attorney-general, on

Appointment of commission to investigate claim.