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CHAPTER 133

AN ACT to amend 157.03 (6) (b); and to create 157.03 (6) (c) of the statutes, relating to reorganizing cemetery associations by interested persons when most of the members are deceased or not available.

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

SECTION 1. 157.03 (6) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

157.03 (6) (b) If an association * * * *which has been dissolved under par. (a), or any group which was never properly organized as a cemetery association, has cemetery grounds, and interments remain therein, * * * 5 or more members, or persons interested as determined by order of the county judge under par. (c), may, by giving at least 3 weeks public notice in a newspaper published in the municipality in which the cemetery is, or if no newspaper be there published by posting therein for at least 3 weeks 3 notices in 3 of the most public places of the time, place and object of the meeting, assemble and reorganize by the election of trustees, the same as at the regular time, and divide them into classes as provided in sub. (1) the commencement to be computed from the next annual election date, and the proceedings of such meeting shall be entered by the secretary on the records, and thereby the association shall be reorganized. Upon such reorganization, the title to the cemetery grounds, trust funds and all other property of the association or group shall vest in the reorganized association, under the control of the trustees. The reorganized association may continue the name of the dissolved association or may adopt a new name.*

SECTION 2. 157.03 (6) (c) of the statutes is created to read:

157.03 (6) (c) If an association is dissolved under par. (a) or any group has never been properly organized as a cemetery association, and there are fewer than 5 members living or residing in the county where

the cemetery is located, the county judge of such county shall upon the petition of any person interested, make an order determining who are persons interested in said cemetery. Any adult person who owns an interest in any lot in said cemetery, who is related to any person buried in said cemetery, or who is a descendant, brother, sister, nephew, niece or surviving spouse of a member of the dissolved association, is an interested person. The county judge may make such order upon evidence he deems sufficient, with or without hearing. The order need not contain the names of all persons interested, but shall contain the names of at least 5 such persons.

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