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CHAPTER 145.

AN ACT to amend section 1987 of the Wisconsin statutes of 1898, relating to police and fire department relief associations.

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

Associations,
how formed.
Qualifications
necessary to
members.
Fees, benefits,
etc. Powers
of association.

SECTION 1. Section 1987 of the Wisconsin statutes of 1898 is hereby amended by adding after the word "organized" in the second line of said section, the following: "who comply with the constitution and by-laws of such organization," and by adding after the word "service," in the thirteenth line of said section, the following: "provided that all persons becoming members of such association on and after the first day of May, 1899, shall not be entitled to any of the advantages and benefits of said association from and after the time when they cease to be active members of the police or fire department of any city as aforesaid," so that said section when amended shall read as follows: section 1987. The members of the paid fire or police department in any city heretofore or hereafter organized, who comply with the constitution and by-laws of such organization, are constituted a body corporate in such city under the name of "The Firemen Relief Association of the city of," or "The Policemen Relief Association of the city of," as the case may be, for the purpose of giving relief to the sick and disabled members of such association and their families and to the persons dependent upon the deceased members thereof, but no others. In case any member of such association shall cease to act with the fire or police department of which he has been a member, after five years of service, he shall continue to enjoy all the advantages and

benefits of the association as long as he complies with the rules, regulations and by-laws of the same and pays his dues, unless the connection of such person with either of said departments was discontinued for the good of the service, provided that all persons becoming members of such association on and after the first day of May, 1899, shall not be entitled to any of the advantages and benefits of said association from and after the time when they cease to be active members of the police or fire department of any city as aforesaid. Each person on becoming a member of either of said departments may be required to pay an initiation fee not exceeding fifty dollars and annual dues so long as he remains a member. Every such association shall have all the usual powers of a corporation necessary and proper for the purposes of its organization, and may take by gift, grant, or purchase real and personal estate, and hold, enjoy, lease, convey and dispose of the same, subject to its by-laws and regulations; and all such property and the rents, issues and profits thereof shall be devoted solely to the purposes and objects of such corporation.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved April 10, 1899.