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CHAPTER 283.

AN ACT to amend 188.08 (1), 188.09 (1), 188.11 (1), 188.12, 188.13 (1), 188.14, 188.15 (1), 188.16 (1), 188.17 (1), 188.18 (1) and 188.19 (1); and to create 188.25 of the statutes, relating to annual reports of veterans' organizations to the secretary of state.

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

SECTION 1. 188.08 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

188.08 (1) Any post, county or district council or department of the American Legion organized in this state pursuant to the acts of congress passed September 16, 1919, and the acts amendatory thereto, and any unit, county or district council, or department of the auxiliary of the American Legion organized in this state, shall have full corporate power to transact business in this state and to take over the assets and liabilities of the existing posts, units, county or district councils, or departments upon filing with the secretary of state a statement of its intent so to do and a full and complete list of its duly elected officers, and shall by so doing become a body corporate.
* * * No filing fee shall be charged by the secretary of state for so doing.

SECTION 2. 188.09 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

188.09 (1) Any chapter, county or district council, or department of the Disabled American Veterans, organized in this state pursuant to an act of congress of the United States, known as Public No. 186, seventy-second congress (H. R. 4738), and the acts amendatory thereto, any unit or department of the auxiliary of the Disabled American Veterans in this state and any dugout or state department of the National Order of Trench Rats, their auxiliaries and affiliated organizations, or any department thereof, organized in this state, shall have full corporate power to transact business in this state and to take over the assets and liabilities of the existing chapters, county or district

councils, department of Wisconsin, their auxiliaries and affiliated organizations, or any department thereof, upon filing with the secretary of state a statement of its intent so to do, and a full and complete list of its duly elected officers, and shall by so doing become a body corporate. * * * No filing fee shall be charged by the secretary of state for so doing.

SECTION 3. 188.11 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

188.11 (1) Any post, county or district council, or department of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, organized in this state pursuant to an act of the seventy-fourth congress of the United States, and the acts amendatory thereto, any unit or department of the Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States in this state and any Pup-Tent or Grand Pup-Tent of the Military Order of the Cooties, their auxiliaries and affiliated organizations, or any department thereof, organized in this state, shall have full corporate power to transact business in this state and to take over the assets and liabilities of the existing posts, county or district councils, department of Wisconsin, their auxiliaries and affiliated organizations, or any department thereof, upon filing with the secretary of state a statement of its intent, signed by commander and adjutant so to do, and a full and complete list of its duly elected officers, and shall by so doing become a body corporate. Provided, a duplicate of such statement and certificate of the secretary of state, showing the date when such statement was filed by him, shall within 30 days of such filing be recorded by the register of deeds of the county in which such organization or its principal office is located, and until such recording no such organization shall have legal corporate existence. Notwithstanding such recording requirement any organization having acquired corporate existence prior to the effective date of this amendment (1945) shall continue to have such corporate existence if it shall within 90 days after the effective date of this amendment cause a duplicate or certified copy of its statement of intent and such certificate of the secretary of state to be recorded with the register of deeds of the county where it or its principal office is located. * * * No filing fee shall be charged by the secretary of state for so doing.

SECTION 4. 188.12 of the statutes is amended to read:

188.12 Any Grand Voiture or Voiture Locale of the La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux organized in this state pursuant to authority granted by La Societe Nationale des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux shall have full corporate power to transact business in this state and take over the assets and liabilities of the existing Voitures Locale and Grand Voiture of the state of Wisconsin, upon filing with the secretary of state a statement of its intent so to do and a full and complete list of its duly elected officers. * * * No filing fees shall be charged by the secretary of state for so doing.

SECTION 5. 188.13 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

188.13 (1) Any Red Arrow Club, composed exclusively of persons who were members of the 32nd Division at any time during World War I or male members who served in the 32nd Division of the United States Army at any time in the period from October 10, 1940, to the termination of World War II as proclaimed by the President or the Congress, organized in this state, shall have full corporate power to transact business in this state and to take over the assets and liabilities of the existing clubs in this state, upon filing with the secretary of state a statement of its intent so to do, and a full and complete list of its duly elected officers, and shall by so doing become a body corporate. * * * No filing fee shall be charged by the secretary of state for so doing.

SECTION 6. 188.14 of the statutes is amended to read:

188.14 Any chapter of the Military Order of the World War in this state shall have full corporate power to transact business in this state upon filing with the secretary of state a full and complete list of its duly elected officers. * * * No filing fees shall be charged by the secretary of state for so doing.

SECTION 7. 188.15 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

188.15 (1) Any detachment or state department of the Marine Corps League, organized and existing in this state pursuant to the acts of congress passed August 4, 1937, and the acts amendatory thereto, and any unit of the auxiliary of the Marine Corps League organized in this state and recognized by the local detachment, shall have full corporate power to transact business in this state, to take over the assets and liabilities of the existing detachments, units or departments, upon filing with the secretary of state a statement of its intent so to do and a full and complete list of its duly elected officers, and shall by so doing become a body corporate. * * * No filing fee shall be charged by the secretary of state for so doing.

SECTION 8. 188.16 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

188.16 (1) Any chapter, county or district council or department composed exclusively of persons who were awarded the medal known as the Purple Heart organized

in this state pursuant to the constitution and by-laws of the national organization of the Military Order of the Purple Heart and any unit, county or district council or department of the auxiliary of the Military Order of the Purple Heart organized in this state shall have full corporate power to transact business in this state and to take over the assets and liabilities of the existing chapters, units, county or district councils, or departments upon filing with the secretary of state a statement of its intent so to do and a full and complete list of its duly elected officers and thereupon it shall become a body corporate. * * * No filing fee shall be charged by the secretary of state for so doing.

SECTION 9. 188.17 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

188.17 (1) Any unit, department or auxiliary of the Navy Club of the United States of America organized in this state pursuant to the act of congress of June 6, 1940 (chapter 239) [54 Stats. at Large p. 232] and acts amendatory thereto, shall have full corporate power to transact business in this state and to take over the assets and liabilities of existing navy clubs and navy club auxiliaries upon filing with the secretary of state a statement of its intent so to do and a full and complete list of its duly elected officers and shall by so doing become a body corporate. * * * No filing fee shall be charged by the secretary of state for so doing.

SECTION 10. 188.18 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

188.18 (1) The department of Wisconsin and any chapter or unit of the reserve officers association of the United States, organized in this state pursuant to the constitution, by-laws and rules and regulations of such association or such department, shall have full corporation power to transact business in this state and to take over the assets and liabilities of the existing department, chapters or other units upon filing with the secretary of state, a statement of its intention so to do, its name, location and a full and complete list of its duly elected officers, and by so doing shall become a body corporate. * * * No filing fees shall be charged by the secretary of state for so doing.

SECTION 11. 188.19 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

188.19 (1) Any post, county, district council, and department of the American Veterans of World War II (AMVETS) organized in this state pursuant to the acts of congress passed July 23, 1947 and the acts amendatory thereto, and any unit, county or district council, and department of the auxiliary of the American Veterans of World War II (AMVETS) organized in this state, shall have full corporate power to transact business in this state and to take over the assets and liabilities of the existing posts, units, county or district councils, or departments upon filing with the secretary of state a statement of its intent so to do, and a full and complete list of its duly elected officers, and shall by so doing become a body corporate. * * * No filing fee shall be charged by the secretary of state.

SECTION 12. 188.25 of the statutes is created to read:

188.25 ANNUAL REPORTS OF VETERANS' ORGANIZATIONS. The state organization of any veterans' society or society affiliate which has a unit incorporated under this chapter shall file with the secretary of state on or before January 1 an annual report showing the elected officers of the state organization. No filing fee shall be charged. The secretary of any such state organization shall on request furnish the secretary of state information about subordinate units. If any veterans' society or society affiliate has no state organization each unit incorporated under this chapter shall file an annual report of the elected officers with the secretary of state on or before January 1.

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