

4. That said corporation shall have power to make and adopt by-laws and regulations for the election of officers, and to prescribe their duties, and for the general management of its affairs, and from time to time may alter and repeal the same. May make by-laws, &c.

Hospitals.

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| 1. Certificate of incorporation. Object. | 5. General powers. |
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An act to provide for the incorporation of associations for the erection and maintenance of hospitals, infirmaries, orphanages, asylums, and other charitable institutions.

Approved March 9, 1877. P. L. 1877, p. 159.

1. That any three or more persons of full age, a majority of whom shall be citizens of and residents within this state, who shall desire to associate themselves together for the purpose of the care, cure, nurture or maintenance of sick, injured, infirm, aged, indigent, deaf, dumb, blind, idiotic, or insane persons, or of orphans, half-orphans or destitute children, or for any two or more of such purposes combined, may make, record and file a certificate, in writing, in manner hereinafter mentioned. Number of persons who may make certificate of association.

2. That such certificate in writing shall set forth—

I. The name or title assumed to designate such association. Form of certificate.

II. The place or places in this state where the purposes of such association are to be carried out.

III. The purposes for which the association shall be formed.

IV. The names of the governors or directors who shall manage its affairs for the first year of its existence.

3. That such certificate shall be proved, or acknowledged and recorded, as required of deeds of real estate, in a book to be kept for the recording of certificates of incorporation, in the office of the clerk of the county where the principal purposes of such association are to be carried out, and after being so recorded shall be filed in the office of the secretary of state; the said certificate or a copy thereof, duly certified by said clerk or secretary, shall be evidence in all courts and places. Certificate to be proved, acknowledged and recorded.

4. That upon making such certificate and causing the same to be recorded and filed as aforesaid, the said persons so associating, their successors and assigns, shall, by virtue of this act, be a body politic and corporate, in fact and in law, by the name stated in such certificate, and by that name they and their successors shall have perpetual succession, and power to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto, in all courts and places whatsoever, to make and use a common seal, and the same to use at pleasure, and to purchase and take, have, hold, receive and enjoy, any lands, tenements, or hereditaments, in fee simple, or otherwise, and any goods, chattels, or property of any description, real or personal, and whether acquired by gift, grant, devise, bequest or otherwise, and the same to grant, convey, lease, assign, sell, or otherwise dispose of, for the purposes of said association. To become a body politic and corporate on filing certificate.

5. That the governors or directors of such association shall have power, from time to time, to make, alter, and amend by-laws, not inconsistent with the constitution or laws of the United States or of this state, fixing and altering the number of its governors or directors for the management of its property and the regulation and government of its affairs, and providing for the classification of and the mode of increasing or perpetuating the governors or directors of the association, and the mode of filling vacancies in, and removing any member from their number, and prescribing qualifications for membership of the association, and to appoint one or more superintendents or managers, and such other agents and officers, as shall in their judgment tend to promote or advance any purpose of the association, and to prescribe their expected duties. General powers.

Compensation for services not to be allowed.

6. That no governor or director of any association organized under this act, shall receive, directly or indirectly, any salary or emoluments from such association, nor shall any compensation whatever be voted, allowed, or paid by the governors or directors thereof to any governor or director for services, either as governor or director, or in any other capacity.

Exemption from tax.

7. That the property and effects of any association organized under this act, and held for its purposes to an amount not exceeding five thousand dollars, shall not be liable to the imposition of any taxes.

Health, State Board of.

1. How constituted.
2. Duties of board.

3. Election of secretary. Duties of.

An act to establish a state board of health.

P. L. 1877, p. 220.

Approved March 9, 1877.

Board, how constituted.

1. That the governor shall appoint seven persons, who, together with the secretary of state and attorney-general as *ex-officio* members, shall constitute the board of health of the state of New Jersey; the persons so appointed shall hold their offices for seven years; *provided*, that the terms of office of the seven first appointed shall be so arranged that the term of one shall expire each year, and the vacancies so created, as well as all vacancies occurring otherwise shall be filled by the governor.

Proviso.

Duties of the board.

2. That the board shall take cognizance of the interests of health and life among the citizens of this state; they shall make sanitary investigations and inquiries in respect to the people, the causes of disease, and especially of epidemics and the sources of mortality, and the effects of localities, employments, conditions and circumstances on the public health; and they shall gather such information in respect to these matters as they may deem proper for diffusion among the people; they shall also make inquiries and reports in reference to diseases affecting animals, and the methods of prevention; they shall appoint a chairman, who shall call meetings as often as every three months, or when requested to do so by three members of the board; they shall, in the month of December, make report to the governor of their investigations and opinions during the year ending December first, with such suggestions as they may deem necessary; *provided*, that the provisions of this act shall not apply to any city, borough or township in which there is a local board of health.

Report to be made to the governor.

Proviso.

Election of secretary.

Expenses, how paid.

3. That the board shall elect a secretary from their own number who shall superintend the work prescribed in the law, as the board may require; the entire expense in prosecuting inquiries and securing the desired information shall not exceed one thousand dollars; and said amount shall be payable by the comptroller on account rendered, and signed by the president and secretary of the board and approved by the governor.

Infants.

I. PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO CHILDREN.

1. Societies for prevention of cruelty to children, how organized.
2. Corporate powers.
3. May make complaint.
4. Members to have same powers as those of society for prevention of cruelty to animals.

5. Provisions of act extended.

II. ADOPTION OF CHILDREN.

6. Minors may be adopted.
7. Form of petition.
8. Circuit court to hear petition and examine parties.
9. Proceedings recorded in surrogate's office.

I. Prevention of cruelty to children.

An act for the incorporation of societies for the prevention of cruelty to children.

P. L. 1876, p. 161.

Approved April 18, 1876.

Societies, how formed and incorporated.

1. That any five or more persons of full age, a majority of whom shall be citizens of and residents within this state, who shall desire to associate themselves together for the purpose of preventing cruelty to children, may