

Rifle Associations.

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An act to incorporate rifle associations, and for the promotion of marksmanship and the skillful use of firearms among the militia and citizens of this state.

Approved February 7, 1878. P. L. 1878, p. 17.

1. That every association of persons, associated for the encouragement and practice of rifle-shooting or kindred sports, be and they hereby are authorized, at any regular meeting of such association, by a majority of votes, to elect by ballot or otherwise, according to the constitution or by-laws of such association, not less than five nor more than fifteen directors of such association; which said association, and such other persons as may be associated with them, upon filing the certificate hereinafter provided for, shall be and constitute a body politic and corporate in law, by whatever name they shall assume, and by such name shall have succession and continuance, and be capable in law of suing and being sued, defending and being defended, in all courts and places whatever, and may have and use a common seal and alter and renew the same at pleasure, and by their name as aforesaid, and under their common seal, make and enter into, execute and enforce any contracts or agreements relating to, touching or concerning the objects of said corporation.
2. That said directors of such association, elected as aforesaid, shall certify such corporate name, under their hands, and file such certificate in the office of the clerk of the court of common pleas of the county in which such association shall have held the said meeting, whose duty it shall be to record the same, and for which he shall be entitled to receive twenty-five cents.
3. That the estate and property, of what kind soever the same may be, of such association shall be vested in such association as a corporation, and by its corporate name such association shall be able to purchase, receive, take, hold and convey, for the use and benefit of such association and for the purpose of effecting the objects of its incorporation, any lands, tenements and hereditaments, and any sum or sums of money, rights, securities, goods and chattels, by gift, alienation, devise, bequest, purchase or otherwise, of any person or persons, bodies politic or corporate; *provided*, that such incorporation shall not at any time hold real property the net income of which shall exceed ten thousand dollars a year.
4. That incorporations under this act shall be authorized to make, adopt and use, and, from time to time, alter, amend or change, such general form of a constitution and such by-laws for their government as to them shall seem right and proper; *provided*, that nothing in said constitution or by-laws be repugnant to the constitution or laws of the United States or of this state.
5. That the directors and officers of any such incorporation shall be elected or appointed in such manner, at such times, and in such places, as the said corporation shall by its constitution or by-laws provide; the directors shall appoint a treasurer, who shall have the custody of the funds of the said corporation, and may be required to give bonds for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office, in such sum and with such securities as the directors may determine.
6. [Amended by Sec. 10, *post.*]
7. That incorporations under this act may establish and regulate admission fees, annual dues, assessments and other charges against members, and the same shall be collectible by the directors of such incorporations in the same manner as other debts.

Election of directors.

Mode of incorporation.

Certificate to be filed with clerk of court of common pleas.

General powers.

Proviso.

May make by-laws, &c.

Proviso.

When directors to be elected, &c.

Fees, &c., how established, &c.

Associations heretofore organized may be incorporated.

8. That any association of persons heretofore organized, but not incorporated, for the general purposes and in the general manner prescribed by this act, shall be deemed and held to be incorporated under this act, to all intents and purposes, in law and in fact, upon the directors filing a certificate of the corporate name of such association, as required by the second section of this act, and all the right, title and interest of any such association in any property, privileges or franchises shall be vested in the said body corporate and politic so created, and the directors or other officers heretofore elected or appointed shall hold their offices for the terms for which they were elected respectively, and until others are elected in their place.

Act may be altered, modified or repealed.

9. That the legislature may, at any time, alter, modify or repeal this act, and may also annul or repeal the charter of any association incorporated under and by virtue of the provisions of this act, and that the same shall take effect immediately.

Supplement.

P. L. 1879, p. 249.

Approved March 14, 1879.

10. SEC. 1. That section six of an act entitled "An act to incorporate rifle associations and for the promotion of marksmanship among the militia and citizens of this state," approved February seventh, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight, be amended so that the same shall read as follows:

Object of incorporation prescribed.

[That the sole and exclusive object of such corporations, under this act, shall be the maintenance of rifle ranges, club-houses and places of resort necessary or appropriate to the practice and improvement of their members in rifle-shooting and the skillful use of firearms, and the improvement of their members by such other means as may be appropriate to the object for which they are respectively organized; *provided*, that gambling and betting at, in or about any range, club-house or other place of resort established or maintained by any such association are hereby absolutely prohibited and forbidden, and the sale of intoxicating liquors is forbidden at such times as the range or other places of resort may be occupied by the members of the national guard for drill, instruction for practice, and any violation of this provision by any member of such association shall be taken and deemed to work a forfeiture of all rights and privileges of any member so violating or permitting the violation of this provision; *and provided further*, that any member who shall be expelled from such association on account of his or their violation of the foregoing provision, shall be held to have forfeited all right, title and interest in and to the privileges, property and franchises of such association.]

Proviso.

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Riots.

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| 1. Proclamation to be made among rioters, commanding them to disperse. | 6. How collected. |
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| 3. Opposing the making proclamation, how punished. | 8. Actions against rioters. |
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| 5. Compensation for damages by riots. | 10. City or county may agree with claimant. |
| | 11. City or county may recover from rioters. |

R. S. 597.

An act to prevent routs, riots and tumultuous assemblies.

P. L. 1864, p. 237.

Revision—Approved March 27, 1874.

Proclamation to be made among rioters, commanding them to disperse.

1. That from and after the publication of this act, if any persons, to the number of twelve or more, being armed with clubs, guns, swords, or other weapons, or if any number of persons, consisting of thirty or more, shall be unlawfully, routously, riotously, or tumultuously assembled, any justice of the peace, sheriff, under-sheriff, or constable of the county, where such assembly shall be, shall, among the rioters, or as near to them as he can

R. S. 597, § 1.