

CHAPTER LXIV.

An Act to Provide for the Creation and Regulation of Emigrant Aid Societies.

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota :

Incorporation of emigration associations

SECTION 1. Any number of persons may associate themselves and become incorporated for the purpose of aiding to encourage, procure and protect emigration in and within the State of Minnesota, with power to make, hold and use a common seal, also to contract and be contracted with, to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered, in all Courts of competent jurisdiction, and shall have all other powers and privileges necessary to fulfil the objects of their incorporation.

Filing of certificate and by-laws

SEC. 2. Such persons forming an association under this Act, shall file in the office of the Secretary of State, and also in the Register of Deeds office of such county where such association may be formed, a certificate, in writing, signed by the Board of Directors of such association, expressing their intention to create and form such Emigration Aid Society, which certificate shall also comprise a copy of their Constitution and by-laws adopted by them.

Objects of corporations

SEC. 3. The object of such institution shall be to provide for the encouragement of emigration to the State of Minnesota, and to aid and protect emigrants on their arrival in and their passing through this State.

By-laws

SEC. 4. Such association shall make by-laws in accordance with their objects, provided that such by-laws be not in contravention of the laws of this State, or the laws and Constitution of the United States.

Election of officers

SEC. 5. At the annual meetings of such association, there shall be chosen a Board of Directors and such number of officers as their by-laws may provide, which officers and directors shall hold their respective offices for one year and until the regular annual meetings of the association, when their successors shall be chosen. The association shall, at their

first annual meeting, fix the time for holding their subsequent annual meetings.

SEC. 6. It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to present to the association at every annual meeting, or at any time the by-laws that such institutions may provide, a full report of their proceedings, and give a faithful exhibit of the state of the institutions with regard to their financial and other interests.

SEC. 7. The Directors shall have power, and it shall be their duty to receive funds and donations of whatever source; they shall also have power, and it shall be their duty, to fix the rates of subscription of members, to appoint and employ all officers and agents requisite to promote the object of such institutions, and to remove any and all of them, as the interests of such institutions may require.

SEC. 8. The Directors shall be authorized to expend such amount of the funds under their control, as they may deem expedient, for the printing and distribution of pamphlets or other papers, for the instruction of emigrants, and for the aid and assistance of emigrants, whenever they may deem proper.

SEC. 9. The specific duties of the directors, officers and members of such associations, and also the mode how persons may become members of them, shall be prescribed by their by-laws.

SEC. 10. This Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

GEORGE BRADLEY,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

WILLIAM HOLCOMBE,

President of the Senate.

APPROVED—August the second eighteen hundred and fifty-eight.

HENRY H. SIBLEY.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, Minnesota, }
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I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the original on file in this office.

FRANCIS BAASEN, Secretary of State.