

CHAPTER LXXXV.

An Act to Incorporate the Fire Department of the City of Saint Paul.

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

SECTION 1. That all persons who now are, or hereafter may become members of the Fire Department of the city of Saint Paul, and their successors, shall be, and hereby are ordained, constituted and declared to be, and continued, a body corporate, and politic, in fact and in name, under the name and style of the "Fire Department of the city of Saint Paul;" and by that name, they and their successors may and shall have perpetual succession, and shall be known, and in law, capable of suing and being sued, of pleading and being impleaded, of answering and being answered unto, of defending and being defended in all suits, complaints, matters, causes, courts, and places whatsoever, and both in law and equity; and capable of having a common seal, of acquiring, by purchase, gift, demise, or otherwise, and of holding and conveying any real, personal or mixed estate, necessary, proper, or expedient, for the object of this incorporation; *Provided*, That the amount of said estate shall at no time exceed the sum of twenty thousand dollars.

Fire department constituted a body corporate—rights and privileges of said corporation

SEC. 2. The members of the fire department of the city of Saint Paul, hereby incorporated, shall have, and are hereby declared to have full power and authority to make and prescribe such by-laws, rules, ordinances and regulations, and the same to alter, amend and change at

Powers of said
fire department

pleasure, as to them from time to time shall seem need-
ful or proper, touching the management and disposition
of their funds, for the objects aforesaid; touching the
regular and special meetings of the department; the
regulation, duty and conduct of their members, delegates
and board of trustees; the election and displacing of
officers and delegates; the admission and expulsion of
members; the filling of vacancies in offices; and touch-
ing every other matter and thing necessary or expedient
for the good government and promotion of this incorpora-
tion or which appertains to the business and objects for
which the incorporation is by this act instituted; *Provi-
ded*, That such by-laws, rules, ordinances and regulations
be not repugnant to the constitutional laws of the United
States, or of this State.

When represen-
tatives to be
chosen

SEC. 3. The engineers belonging to the said fire de-
partment, shall, on or before the last Monday of Decem-
ber, in every year, choose one representative, and each
company three representatives, who shall have and exer-
cise all such powers as are hereinafter committed to them.

When officers
to be chosen—
who to be officers
for present year

SEC. 4. The said representatives shall choose on the
first Monday of January, in every year, by ballot, a
president and vice president, three trustees, a treasurer,
secretary and collector. The first representatives shall
be H. F. Masterson, W. T. Donaldson, J. E. Misson, F.
Jansen, J. Haggemiller, M. H. Sullivan, C. H. Williams,
J. R. Atkins, J. C. A. Pickett, J. H. Matthews. H. F.
Masterson shall be the first president, W. T. Donaldson
shall be the first vice president, C. W. Riehl shall be the
first treasurer, B. Rodick, T. L. Welch and J. Mendel-
sohn shall be the first trustees, J. H. Matthews shall be
the first secretary and collector; to hold their respective
offices and places until others are appointed in their stead
agreeably to the provisions of this act.

Treasurer to give
bonds

The said representatives shall manage the affairs and
dispose of the funds of the corporation according to the
by-laws, rules and regulations of the said corporation
from time to time made and established by the said rep-
resentatives. The treasurer shall give security to the
representatives for the faithful performance of his trust.

Quorum—vacan-
cies how filled

The representatives shall, at their meetings, have a
right to displace any of the officers, if guilty of mal-con-
duct, and elect others in their stead. A majority of said
representatives shall be a quorum to do business. It

case of a vacancy in the office of representative, such vacancy shall be filled up by the company from which he is deputed, for the remainder of the year, by a special election to be held for that purpose. And in case of a vacancy in the office of president, vice president, treasurer, secretary, collector, or any of the trustees, such vacancy shall be filled up by the representatives for the remainder of the year, by a special election to be held for that purpose.

SEC. 5. All certificates now required to be obtained by firemen from the clerk of said city, pursuant to the provisions of any law of this State, shall hereafter be obtained from the department by this act incorporated; which certificates, signed by the president and treasurer of this department, and countersigned by the clerk of said city, and under the seal of this incorporation, shall have the like effect of those heretofore obtained from the said city clerk, and shall be satisfactory evidence of the facts therein contained. And each person applying for such certificate, shall pay therefor such sum as the by-laws of the department shall prescribe, for the benefit of the corporation and the objects thereof.

Certificates—how
obtained

SEC. 6. This act is hereby declared to be a public act, and the same shall in all courts and places be regarded benignly and favorably for every beneficial purpose hereby intended.

Declared a public
act

SEC. 7. In case any election shall not be on any day when, pursuant to this act it ought to have been made, the said corporation shall not on that account be deemed to be dissolved; but that it shall and may be lawful on any other day to hold and make such election in such manner as shall have been regulated by the by-laws and ordinances of the said corporation.

When corpora-
tion not to be
deemed dissolved

SEC. 8. All acts and parts of acts which contravene the provisions of this act, are hereby repealed; and this act shall take effect from and after its passage.

Repeal of acts in-
consistent with
this act

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