

Department charged with administration of all acts relative to banking and insurance.

Building and loan companies of other states.

Seal of office.

Certificates under seal to be received as evidence.

Books, documents, &c., to be delivered to commissioner.

Office in the state-house.

Repealer.

5. That this department shall be vested with all the powers and charged with all the duties and subject to all the obligations and penalties now vested in, conferred and imposed upon the secretary of state, acting as commissioner of insurance, or upon the board of bank commissioners or any other officer or board charged with the execution of the laws relative to subjects recited in the first section of this act, as also building and loan corporations or associations organized under the laws of other states, transacting or to be admitted to transact business in this state.

6. That the said commissioner, with the approval of the governor, shall devise a seal of office, a description and impression of which, with a certificate of approval by the governor, shall be filed in the department of state; every certificate, assignment, conveyance or other official paper executed by the said commissioner under authority of law and sealed with the said seal of his office, shall be received as evidence and may be recorded in proper recording offices in the same manner and with like effect as a deed regularly acknowledged or proved before an officer authorized by law to take proof or acknowledgment of deeds; and all copies of papers in the office of said commissioner, certified by him and authenticated by said seal, shall be accepted as evidence in all cases equally and in like manner as the original; an impression of said seal directly on paper shall be as valid as if made on wax or wafer.

7. That all books, blanks, papers and documents, securities, stocks, bonds and mortgages now in the custody of the secretary of state, acting as commissioner of insurance, or in the office of any other state official or board connected with the matters embraced in this act, shall, on demand, be delivered and transferred to the commissioner of banking and insurance, when appointed, and thereafter remain in his charge and custody.

8. That there shall be assigned to said commissioner by the governor suitable offices in the state-house for conducting the business of said department, and the superintendent of the state-house and grounds shall from time to time furnish the necessary furniture, fuel, lights, and properly care for said offices, the expense thereof to be defrayed in the same manner as like expenses of other departments of the state government.

9. That all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act shall be and are hereby repealed, and this act shall take effect immediately.

Bar Associations.

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An act to provide for the incorporation of associations of the bar of the state of New Jersey.

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Ten or more members of the bar may form an association.

Proviso.

Powers of the association.

1. That it shall be lawful for any members of the bar of the state of New Jersey, not less than ten in number, to form an association of the bar of the state of New Jersey, or of any county in said state, for the purpose of maintaining the honor and dignity of the profession of the law, of cultivating social relations among its members, and increasing its usefulness in promoting the due administration of justice; *provided*, there shall not be more than one state association, nor more than one association in each county.

2. That such association shall have power:

1. To acquire by lease or purchase suitable buildings, libraries and furniture for the uses of such associations, to borrow money for such purposes, and issue bonds therefor, and to secure the same by mortgage, and generally to acquire and take by purchase, gift, devise, bequest or otherwise, and

to hold, transfer and convey all or any such real or personal property as may be necessary or desirable for attaining the objects and carrying into effect the purposes of such association ;

II. To have perpetual succession by their corporate names ;

III. To sue and be sued, complain and defend in any court of law or equity ;

IV. To make and use a common seal, and alter the same at pleasure ;

V. To appoint such officers or agents as the purposes of such association shall require, and to allow them a reasonable compensation ;

VI. To make and adopt constitutions, by-laws, rules and regulations, not inconsistent with the constitution and laws of the United States or this state, for the admission, government, suspension and expulsion of members, the imposition and collection of dues and fines, the number and election of officers and managers or trustees, the time and place of holding meetings and elections, for the safe keeping of the property of the association, and for the management of the affairs of such associations, and from time to time to alter, modify or change such constitutions, by-laws, rules and regulations.

3. That all interest of any member of any such association in its property shall terminate, and vest in the association upon his ceasing to be a member thereof by death, resignation, expulsion or otherwise.

When interest of any member shall terminate.

4. That the association provided for in this act shall be formed as follows, viz. : a certificate shall be made and signed by the persons forming such association, setting forth the name to be used to designate such association, and to be used in its business and dealings, the object for which such association shall be formed, and the names and residences of the persons signing such certificate, which certificate shall be acknowledged or proved, and filed in the office of the secretary of state.

Certificate of incorporation.

5. That the said certificate, or a copy thereof, duly certified by said secretary, shall be evidence in all courts and places.

Certificate to be evidence.

6. That upon making such certificate and causing the same to be filed as aforesaid, the said persons so associating, their successors and assigns, shall be from the time of filing such certificate, incorporated into an association by the name mentioned in such certificate, and be governed by the provisions of this act.

Incorporation to be from time of filing certificate

7. That after such election of officers of any such association, the secretary shall forthwith transmit to the secretary of state a statement, under his hand and the seal of the association, of the names and residences of the officers elected at such election, which statement shall be filed by the secretary, and any process against any such association shall be served on one of the officers named in such statement, who shall have power to acknowledge such service.

Statement of names and residences of officers elected to be filed with secretary of state.

8. That when any vacancy shall occur among the officers of any such association, such vacancy shall be filled in such manner as the by-laws shall direct.

Vacancies, how filled.

9. That the first meeting of the association of the bar of the state shall be held at the state-house in Trenton, on the first day of the term of the supreme court to be holden next after the filing of the certificate of incorporation as aforesaid, and the first meeting of the county associations shall be held on the first day of the circuit court term to be holden next after the filing of such certificate of incorporation, and thereafter the meetings shall be held at such time and place as the by-laws shall direct, or as a majority of the members present at the next previous meeting shall direct.

Time and place of holding first meeting.