

**WHITE SHRINE OF JERUSALEM**  
**Act 256 of 1897**

AN ACT to incorporate the White Shrine of Jerusalem; and to impose certain duties upon the department of commerce.

**History:** 1897, Act 256, Imd. Eff. June 2, 1897;—Am. 1982, Act 100, Imd. Eff. Apr. 19, 1982.

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

**457.291 White Shrine of Jerusalem; incorporation.**

Sec. 1. That any supreme shrine of the White Shrine of Jerusalem, a higher degree of adaptive Masonry, following the order of the Eastern Star, working under a ritual, copyrighted by Charles D. Magee, Senior, which copyright is number 9252AA. may be incorporated in pursuance of the provisions of this act.

**History:** 1897, Act 256, Imd. Eff. June 2, 1897;—CL 1897, 7983;—CL 1915, 10427;—CL 1929, 10642;—CL 1948, 457.291.

**457.292 Articles of association; execution, contents.**

Sec. 2. Any 10 or more residents of this state, being members of said supreme shrine who shall be desirous of becoming incorporated, may make and execute articles of association, under their hands and seals, which said articles of association shall be acknowledged before some officer of this state, having authority to take acknowledgments of deeds, and shall set forth:

First, The names of persons associating in the first instance and their place of residence;

Second, The name and location of the supreme shrine of which they are members;

Third, The corporate name by which such association shall be known in the law;

Fourth, The object and purposes of such association which shall be to promote the general welfare of the order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem, and make all lawful rules and regulations for the management and government of said supreme shrine and subordinate shrines;

Fifth, To use and operate the ritual of the White Shrine of Jerusalem, a higher degree of adaptive Masonry, as copyrighted by Charles D. Magee, Senior, of Chicago, known as number 9252AA. and recorded by the librarian of congress February thirteenth, 1895;

Sixth, To organize supreme and subordinate bodies under said copyright, and to do all things necessary to carry out the objects and purposes set forth in said ritual, and the period for which it is incorporated, not exceeding 30 years.

**History:** 1897, Act 256, Imd. Eff. June 2, 1897;—CL 1897, 7984;—CL 1915, 10428;—CL 1929, 10643;—CL 1948, 457.292.

**457.293 Filing articles of association with department of commerce; signers of articles, associates, and successors as body politic and corporate; powers; evidence of existence and incorporation.**

Sec. 3. Said articles of association shall be filed with the corporation and securities bureau of the department of commerce and thereupon the persons who shall have signed such articles of association, their associates and successors shall be a body politic and corporate, by the name expressed in such articles of association; and by that name, they, and their successors shall have succession, and shall be persons in law capable of suing and being sued, and they and their successors may have a common seal and the same may be changed and altered at pleasure; and a certified copy of the records of the articles of association under the seal of the corporation and securities bureau of the department of commerce where the said records are kept shall be received as prima facie evidence in all courts in this state of the existence and due incorporation of such corporation.

**History:** 1897, Act 256, Imd. Eff. June 2, 1897;—CL 1897, 7985;—CL 1915, 10429;—CL 1929, 10644;—CL 1948, 457.293;—Am. 1982, Act 100, Imd. Eff. Apr. 19, 1982.

**457.294 Building; capital stock; property, holding and disposition; taxation; cemetery.**

Sec. 4. Every corporation formed in pursuance of this act may erect and own or lease such suitable edifice, building or hall as to such corporation shall seem proper, with convenient rooms for the meetings of said fraternity and for that may create a capital stock of not more than 50,000 dollars, to be divided into shares of not more than 50 dollars each, and may take, receive, purchase and hold in its corporate capacity real and personal estate, and the same or any part thereof demise, convey, mortgage, use and dispose of at pleasure: Provided, however, That all such property both real and personal shall be subject to taxation the same as other property; and such corporation may take, purchase, hold and own such suitable lots or parcels of ground as may be convenient for the purpose of a cemetery, and may make all lawful rules and regulations for the

disposition of lots and the burial of the dead therein, as to such corporation may seem proper.

**History:** 1897, Act 256, Imd. Eff. June 2, 1897;—CL 1897, 7986;—CL 1915, 10430;—CL 1929, 10645;—CL 1948, 457.294.

#### **457.295 Board of trustees; election, quorum, officers.**

Sec. 5. The stockholders, each of whom shall be entitled to 1 vote for each share of stock held by him, may elect from their number a board of trustees, not less than 6 nor more than 9 members, a majority of whom shall form a quorum, and the trustees shall appoint from their own number a president, secretary and treasurer, who shall perform the duties of their offices in accordance with the rules and regulations which may be prescribed by the board of trustees.

**History:** 1897, Act 256, Imd. Eff. June 2, 1897;—CL 1897, 7987;—CL 1915, 10431;—CL 1929, 10646;—CL 1948, 457.295.

#### **457.296 Board of trustees; powers.**

Sec. 6. The management and direction of the interests and affairs and property of such corporation shall be vested in said board of trustees, and said board shall make all needful rules, ordinances and by-laws regulating the transaction of the business and the management of the property and all the affairs, concerns and interests of such corporation, and providing for the time and manner of electing the officers and trustees of the corporation and the length of the term of office of the trustees, a part of whom after the first election shall be chosen annually.

**History:** 1897, Act 256, Imd. Eff. June 2, 1897;—CL 1897, 7988;—CL 1915, 10432;—CL 1929, 10647;—CL 1948, 457.296.

#### **457.297 Powers of corporation; property, holding, disposition.**

Sec. 7. Every corporation under and in pursuance of this act shall have full power and authority to provide by its by-laws from time to time for the election from its own members of such other officers of the corporation, under and by such name and style as shall be in accordance with its ritual, by-laws and constitution, and instead of appointing a board of trustees to have the management and control of its property, interests and affairs as provided in sections 5 and 6 of this act, may if the corporation so choose, provide in its rituals and by-laws that the property, affairs and interests of the corporation shall be managed and controlled by such persons or officers of the corporation, or in such manner as the corporation shall from time to time provide for that purpose in such by-laws; and the corporation may enact all such by-laws, rules and regulations as may be necessary for its government and the government of subordinate shrines and for the care and management of its property, and for the care and management of the property of subordinate shrines and the affairs and interests of both the supreme and subordinate bodies and to carry into effect the powers and privileges in this act granted and may alter and amend the same at pleasure: Provided, however, That in all cases where such corporation shall choose to appoint a board of trustees to have the management of its property and affairs, such board shall have the power and the management and the direction of the interests and property of the corporation as provided in sections 5 and 6 of this act.

**History:** 1897, Act 256, Imd. Eff. June 2, 1897;—CL 1897, 7989;—CL 1915, 10433;—CL 1929, 10648;—CL 1948, 457.297.