

**LOYAL ORANGE INSTITUTION**  
**Act 55 of 1895**

AN ACT to provide for the incorporation of the grand, district, and subordinate lodges of the Loyal Orange Institution of the state of Michigan; and to impose certain duties upon the department of commerce.

**History:** 1895, Act 55, Imd. Eff. Mar. 29, 1895;—Am. 1982, Act 77, Imd. Eff. Apr. 19, 1982.

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

**457.51 Loyal Orange Institution, incorporation.**

Sec. 1. That the grand, district and subordinate lodges of the Loyal Orange Institution of the state of Michigan, may be incorporated in pursuance of the provisions of this act.

**History:** 1895, Act 55, Imd. Eff. Mar. 29, 1895;—CL 1897, 7833;—CL 1915, 10269;—CL 1929, 10559;—CL 1948, 457.51.

**457.52 Grand lodge; articles of association, execution, contents.**

Sec. 2. The 5 principal officers or in lieu thereof any 5 or more persons, residents of this state, being members of the grand lodge of the Loyal Orange Institution of the state of Michigan, duly chartered as such by the supreme grand Orange lodge of the United States, desiring to become incorporated, may make and execute articles of association, under their hands and seal which said articles of association shall be acknowledged before some officer of the state having authority to take acknowledgment of deeds, and shall set forth:

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

Second, The corporate name by which such association shall be known in the law, and place of its business office;

Third, The object and purpose of such association, which shall be to promote the general welfare of the fraternity, known as the Loyal Orange Institution, and the period for which it is incorporated, not exceeding 30 years.

**History:** 1895, Act 55, Imd. Eff. Mar. 29, 1895;—CL 1897, 7834;—CL 1915, 10270;—CL 1929, 10560;—CL 1948, 457.52.

**457.53 Grand lodge; filing copy of articles with department of commerce; associates and successors as body politic and corporate; power and authority.**

Sec. 3. A copy of said articles of association, together with a copy of the charter and constitution of said grand lodge, 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 the law, capable of purchase, take, receive, hold, and enjoy to them and their successors, estates real and personal, of suing and being sued, and they and their successors may have a common seal, which may be changed and altered at their pleasure, provided that the value of such real and personal estate shall not exceed the sum of \$100,000.00 and that they and their successors shall have authority and power to give, grant, sell, lease, demise, and dispose of said real and personal estate, or part thereof, at their will and pleasure, and the proceeds, rents and incomes shall be devoted exclusively to such charitable and benevolent purposes of the Loyal Orange Institution as shall best promote the welfare and the membership and the interests of the society, but such real and personal estate shall be subject to taxation for all purposes. Said corporation shall have the full power and authority to make and establish rules and regulations for the governing of all the affairs and business of said corporation, according to the laws of this state, and the United States, and to designate, elect or appoint from its members such officers, under such name and style, as shall be in accordance with the constitution of the grand lodge.

**History:** 1895, Act 55, Imd. Eff. Mar. 29, 1895;—CL 1897, 7835;—CL 1915, 10271;—CL 1929, 10561;—CL 1948, 457.53;—Am. 1982, Act 77, Imd. Eff. Apr. 19, 1982.

**457.54 Grand lodge; certified copy of articles as evidence; subordinate lodges, institution; existing lodges; regulation.**

Sec. 4. A copy of the record of such articles of association, under the seal of the state, duly certified according to law shall be received as prima facie evidence in all courts of this state, of the existence and due incorporation of such corporation. Such corporation, when duly formed, shall have power to institute and charter district and subordinate lodges within this state, and from time to time, to make, ordain, constitute and establish such constitution, general laws and by-laws, ordinances and regulations, as the grand lodge shall judge proper for the regulation and government of such district and subordinate lodges, not repugnant to the

laws of this state: Provided, That the existing district and subordinate lodges heretofore duly chartered by the supreme grand lodge of the United States, approved by the state grand lodge, shall be subject to the control of said state grand lodge, under this act, as heretofore, and in the same manner and to the same extent as those that may be hereafter instituted and chartered under this act.

**History:** 1895, Act 55, Imd. Eff. Mar. 29, 1895;—CL 1897, 7836;—CL 1915, 10272;—CL 1929, 10562;—CL 1948, 457.54.

**457.55 Subordinate lodge; incorporation; making and executing articles of association; filing copy of articles with department of commerce; associates and successors as body politic and corporate; powers; limitations; evidence of existence and incorporation.**

Sec. 5. The 5 principal officers, or in lieu thereof any 5 or more persons, residents of this state being members of a district or subordinate lodge of the Loyal Orange Institution, having been duly chartered by the supreme grand lodge of the United States and approved by the grand lodge of this state, desirous to become incorporated, may make and execute articles of association, specifying as provided in section 2 of this act, and file a copy of the same with the corporation and securities bureau of the department of commerce and thereupon the persons who shall have signed said 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 the name they and their successors shall have succession and shall be persons in the law capable to purchase, hold, enjoy, grant, sell, give, lease, and demise real and personal estate; of suing and being sued, and may have a common seal, and change and alter the same at pleasure; and a certified copy of a record of such articles of association, under the seal of the corporation and securities bureau of the department of commerce, shall be received as prima facie evidence in all courts of this state of the existence and due incorporation of such corporation: Provided, Said corporation shall be limited to the powers and provisions of section 3 of this act, regarding real and personal estate, and the proceeds thereof, under the rules and regulations of the grand lodge, and may elect or appoint from among its members such officers, under such name and style as shall be in accordance with its constitution.

**History:** 1895, Act 55, Imd. Eff. Mar. 29, 1895;—CL 1897, 7837;—CL 1915, 10273;—CL 1929, 10563;—CL 1948, 457.55;—Am. 1982, Act 77, Imd. Eff. Apr. 19, 1982.

**457.56 Erection of buildings; capital stock, creation, shares; cemetery or crematorium, purchase, rules and regulations.**

Sec. 6. Any corporation formed in pursuance of this act, may erect and own such suitable edifice, buildings or hall as to such corporation may seem proper, with convenient rooms for the meetings of the Loyal Orange Institution; and for that purpose may create a capital stock of not more than 100,000 dollars, to be divided into shares of not more than 25 dollars each: Provided, That said corporation shall have the right and privilege of purchasing said stock in case of sale or transfer of the same by any of its members: And provided further, That none of said stock shall be sold or transferred to any person or persons who are not members in good standing of the Loyal Orange Institution of this state; and any such corporation may take, purchase, hold and own such suitable lot or parcel of ground as may be convenient for the purpose of a cemetery or crematorium and may make all lawful rules and regulations for the disposition of lots and the disposal of its dead, as to such corporation may seem proper.

**History:** 1895, Act 55, Imd. Eff. Mar. 29, 1895;—CL 1897, 7838;—CL 1915, 10274;—CL 1929, 10564;—CL 1948, 457.56.

**457.57 Governing law; amendment of act.**

Sec. 7. All corporations formed under this act, shall be subject to the provisions of chapter 73, of the Compiled Laws of this state, so far as the same may be applicable to corporations formed under this act; and the legislature may alter or amend this act at any time.

**History:** 1895, Act 55, Imd. Eff. Mar. 29, 1895;—CL 1897, 7839;—CL 1915, 10275;—CL 1929, 10565;—CL 1948, 457.57.

**Compiler's note:** For provisions of chapter 73, referred to in this section, which have not been repealed or reenacted, see MCL 450.504 et seq.

**457.58 Changing location of business office; filing written notice of change with department of commerce.**

Sec. 8. The location of the business office of the grand lodge of the Loyal Orange Institution, may be changed at any time, upon filing a written notice of such change with the corporation and securities bureau of the department of commerce within 20 days from the time of the change of such location.

**History:** 1895, Act 55, Imd. Eff. Mar. 29, 1895;—CL 1897, 7840;—CL 1915, 10276;—CL 1929, 10566;—CL 1948, 457.58;—Am. 1982, Act 77, Imd. Eff. Apr. 19, 1982.