

**GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC; WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS**  
**Act 15 of 1889**

AN ACT to incorporate the Woman's Relief Corps auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, department of Michigan, and subordinate corps of the Woman's Relief Corps auxiliary to posts of the Grand Army of the Republic.

**History:** 1889, Act 15, Imd. Eff. Mar. 8, 1889.

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

**35.221 Woman's Relief Corps auxiliary to Grand Army of the Republic; incorporation.**

Sec. 1. That the Woman's Relief Corps auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, department of Michigan, and subordinate corps of the Woman's Relief Corps auxiliary to posts of the Grand Army of the Republic of the department of Michigan, may be incorporated in pursuance to the provisions of this act.

**History:** 1889, Act 15, Imd. Eff. Mar. 8, 1889;—How. 4859r;—CL 1897, 7768;—CL 1915, 10199;—CL 1929, 10486;—CL 1948, 35.221.

**35.222 Woman's Relief Corps; articles of association; execution, contents.**

Sec. 2. The president, senior vice-president, junior vice-president, secretary and treasurer of the department of Michigan Woman's Relief Corps auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic may make and execute articles of association under their hands and seals, which articles of association shall be acknowledged before some officer authorized by law to take acknowledgment of deeds and shall set forth:

First, The names of the officers above mentioned and their places of residence;

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

Third, The object and purposes of such association, which shall be to promote the general welfare of the order known as the Woman's Relief Corps and the period for which it is incorporated, which shall not exceed 30 years.

**History:** 1889, Act 15, Imd. Eff. Mar. 8, 1889;—How. 4859s;—CL 1897, 7769;—CL 1915, 10200;—CL 1929, 10487;—CL 1948, 35.222.

**35.223 Articles of association; filing; body corporate, powers and property limitations.**

Sec. 3. A copy of said articles of association, together with a copy of the rules and regulations of the Woman's Relief Corps auxiliary of the Grand Army of the Republic, shall be filed with and recorded in the office of the secretary of state, 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 to purchase, take, receive, hold and enjoy to them and their successors, estates, real and personal, of suing and being sued, and to have a common seal which may be altered or changed at pleasure: Provided, That the value of real and personal estate shall not exceed the value of 10,000 dollars, and that they and their successors shall have power to give, grant, sell, lease, demise, and dispose of real and personal estate or part thereof at their will and pleasure, and the proceeds, rents and incomes to be disposed of as directed by the department at its annual meeting. Said corporation shall have full power to make and establish rules and by-laws for regulating and governing all the affairs and business of said corporation not repugnant to the constitution and laws of this state, or 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 rules and regulations of the Woman's Relief Corps auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic.

**History:** 1889, Act 15, Imd. Eff. Mar. 8, 1889;—How. 4859t;—CL 1897, 7770;—CL 1915, 10201;—CL 1929, 10488;—CL 1948, 35.223.

**35.224 Articles of association; certified copy as evidence.**

Sec. 4. A copy of the record of such articles of association, under the seal of the state, duly certified by the secretary of state, shall be received as prima facie evidence in all courts of this state of the existence and due organization of such corporation.

**History:** 1889, Act 15, Imd. Eff. Mar. 8, 1889;—How. 4859u;—CL 1897, 7771;—CL 1915, 10202;—CL 1929, 10489;—CL 1948, 35.224.

**35.225 Subordinate corps; chartering, government.**

Sec. 5. Such corporation when duly formed shall have power to institute and charter corps auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic within this state, and from time to time issue such orders for the government of

corps as are not repugnant to the rules and regulations of the national convention of the Woman's Relief Corps of the United States.

**History:** 1889, Act 15, Imd. Eff. Mar. 8, 1889;—How. 4859v;—CL 1897, 7772;—CL 1915, 10203;—CL 1929, 10490;—CL 1948, 35.225.

### **35.226 Subordinate corps; incorporation; body corporate, powers and duties; certified copy of articles of association as evidence.**

Sec. 6. At any time when a subordinate corps, auxiliary to a post of the Grand Army of the Republic, shall by a 2/3 vote of the members present at any regular meeting of said corps, resolve to become incorporated, the president, senior vice-president, junior vice-president, and secretary of such corps may make and execute articles of association under their hands and seals, specifying as provided in section 2 of this act, and file a copy of the resolutions passed at a regular meeting of the corps, with the clerk of the county in which such corporation shall be formed, which shall be recorded by such clerk in a book to be kept in his office for that purpose, and thereupon such corps, auxiliary to a post of the Grand Army of the Republic, the officers thereof, 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 successions and shall be persons in law with the same powers, duties and liabilities as the Woman's Relief Corps department of Michigan have under section 3 of this act, to which they are subordinate: Provided, That a certified copy of the record of such articles of association, under the seal of the circuit court of the county where such record is recorded, shall be received as prima facie evidence in all the courts of this state, of the existence and due organization of such corporation.

**History:** 1889, Act 15, Imd. Eff. Mar. 8, 1889;—How. 4859w;—CL 1897, 7773;—CL 1915, 10204;—CL 1929, 10491;—CL 1948, 35.226.

### **35.227 Governing law.**

Sec. 7. All corporations formed under this act shall be subject to the provisions of chapter 191 of Howell's annotated statutes, so far as the same may be applicable to corporations formed under this act.

**History:** 1889, Act 15, Imd. Eff. Mar. 8, 1889;—How. 4859x;—CL 1897, 7774;—CL 1915, 10205;—CL 1929, 10492;—CL 1948, 35.227.

**Compiler's note:** Chapter 191 of Howell's annotated statutes, referred to in this section, included MCL 450.504 to 450.525 and MCL 450.631 to 450.651.