

SECTION 2. The limitations, fixed by section two of chapter one hundred and sixty-six of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-five and of chapter three hundred and fifty-four of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy, to the amount of real and personal estate that may be held by said corporation, are hereby repealed.

Repeal.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 14, 1888.*

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE INCORPORATION OF LABOR OR TRADE ORGANIZATIONS.

Chap. 134

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows :*

SECTION 1. Seven or more persons within this Commonwealth, who associate themselves together by such an agreement in writing as is described in section three of chapter one hundred and fifteen of the Public Statutes, with the intention of forming a corporation for the purpose of improving in any lawful manner the condition of any employees in any one or more lawful trades or employments, either in respect to their employment, or by the promotion of education, temperance, morality or social intercourse, by the payment of benefits to members when sick or unemployed, or to persons dependent upon deceased members, or otherwise, shall, upon complying with the provisions of said chapter one hundred and fifteen of the Public Statutes and of this act, be and remain a corporation. The provisions of said chapter, so far as not inconsistent with this act, shall apply to corporations formed under this act.

Labor or trade organizations may become incorporated.

SECTION 2. The commissioner of corporations shall not endorse his approval upon the certificate of organization of any corporation formed under this act unless satisfied that the agreement of association shows that the purpose of such corporation is a lawful one, nor unless satisfied that its by-laws contain no provision contrary to law, and such commissioner may call for the opinion of the attorney-general thereon; nor shall such commissioner so endorse his approval unless satisfied that the by-laws conform to the requirements of the two following sections of this act.

Endorsement of certificate of organization by commissioner of corporations.

SECTION 3. The by-laws of every corporation formed under this act shall contain clear and distinct provisions in respect to the following matters: the manner of electing or admitting new members; the manner of expelling

Certain by-laws to be established.

members; the officers of the corporation, with their respective titles, duties, powers and terms of office; the manner of electing and removing such officers; the number of members required to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business; the manner of calling special meetings of the corporation; the manner of rescinding or amending by-laws and making new ones; the purposes for which the funds of the corporation shall be applicable; the purposes for which assessments may be laid upon members; the conditions under which a member or persons dependent on a deceased member, shall be entitled to benefits, if any are to be given by the corporation; the manner in which a fine or forfeiture can be imposed upon a member, if any are to be imposed by the corporation; the manner in which the funds of the corporation are to be held, deposited or invested; the manner in which the accounts of the treasurer are to be periodically audited; and the manner of voting upon shares of stock, if any capital stock is to be issued by the corporation.

Amendment  
of by-laws.

SECTION 4. No by-law of a corporation formed under this act shall be rescinded or amended, and no new by-law shall be made unless notice of such proposed action has been given at a previous meeting of the corporation, and no such rescinding, amendment or new by-law shall take effect until approved by the commissioner of corporations as not inconsistent with the provisions of this act. No member of such corporation shall be expelled by vote of less than a majority of all the members thereof, nor by vote of less than three-quarters of the members present and voting upon such expulsion. Every member of such corporation and every person having an interest in its funds shall be entitled to examine its books and records.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 14, 1888.*

*Chap. 135*

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS TEN AND ELEVEN OF CHAPTER TWO HUNDRED AND THREE OF THE PUBLIC STATUTES RELATING TO THE PENALTIES FOR THE OFFENCE OF BURGLARY.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Penalties for  
the offence of  
burglary.  
P. S. 203, § 10.

SECTION 1. Section ten of chapter two hundred and three of the Public Statutes is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following words: — not less than ten, — so that said section as amended shall read as follows: — *Section 10.* Whoever breaks and enters a dwell-