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CHAPTER 129.

AN ACT to amend chapter 372, of the private and local laws of 1870, entitled, "An act to incorporate the Watertown Musical Society 'Concordia.'"

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 372, of the private and local laws of 1870, is hereby amended by striking out the word, "ten," where it occurs in the first section of said chapter, and inserting in lieu thereof, the word, "fifteen", so that said chapter, when so amended, shall read as follows: Section 1. The members of the Watertown Musical Society, "Concordia," in the city of Watertown, and all persons who shall hereafter become associated with them as members of said society, are hereby created a body corporate and politic, by the name of Watertown Musical Society "Concordia," for the purpose of promoting the cultivation of musical taste among its members, by frequent rehearsals and performances at concerts, and on other suitable occasions, of old and new musical compositions, with the power for such purposes to take, by purchase, devise or otherwise, to hold, transfer and convey real and personal property to the amount of fifteen thousand dollars; and also, further, in their corporate name, to sue and to be sued, appear, prosecute and defend all actions and causes to final judgment and execution in any court of law or equity, to make by-laws and regulations consistent with the laws of this state, for the government of said corporation, for the due and orderly conduct of its regulation and affairs, and for the management of its property.

Amending ch. 372, private and local laws 1870, relating to Watertown Musical Society.

SECTION 2. The control and disposal of the funds, property and estate, and the general management and concerns of said corporation, subject to the rejection and restrictions contained in its by-laws and regulations, shall be vested in a board of directors, to consist of the president, the vice-president, the treasurer, the secretary, the regis-

Control of funds, etc.

seur and the musical director, who shall be elected semi-annually to their respective offices.

Old officers to hold over.

SECTION 3. The several officers of the said society or corporation, at the time of the passage of this act, shall continue to hold their respective offices as officers of the corporation hereby created, until the expiration of the term for which they were elected and qualified; and all personal property, funds and securities now owned or held by the said society, or by the said officers or either or any of them, including all debts due or to become due to the same from members thereof, for stated dues, arrears, etc., or from any other person or persons, shall vest in and become the property of, and may be sued for and recovered in the name of the corporation hereby created; and the said corporation shall assume and be liable for all the debts and obligations of said society, contracted or incurred, and for all contracts and agreements entered into previous to the passage of this act by any of the officers thereof, lawfully acting in behalf of the said society.

Semi-annual election, when held.

SECTION 4. The semi-annual election of officers of the said corporation shall be held on the first Saturday of the months of January and July in each year, or on such other days as the said corporation, by its by-laws and regulations, may appoint.

Vacancies, how filled.

SECTION 5. The board of directors shall have power to fill vacancies in the several offices, and to appoint and at pleasure remove such subordinate officers, agents or servants as the interest of said corporation in their opinion may require.

Present by-laws to be in force.

SECTION 6. The present by-laws of the said society, so far as the same are consistent with the provisions of this act, shall continue in force and govern and be binding upon the corporation hereby created; subject, however, to the rights of said corporation to alter or amend the same.

Exempting property of, from taxation.

SECTION 7. The actual and future estate, property and funds of the said corporation shall be devoted solely to the general purposes and objects specified in the first section of this act, and shall be exempt from taxation.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved March 21, 1889.