

CHAPTER 31

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AN ACT to amend 44.03 of the statutes, relating to affiliated historical societies.

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

44.03 of the statutes is amended to read:

44.03 AFFILIATED SOCIETIES. (1) County or local historical societies without capital stock may be incorporated as ~~auxiliaries~~ *affiliates* of the state historical society, to gather and preserve the books, documents and artifacts relating to the history of their region or locality. No fees shall be charged by any register of deeds for recording nor by the secretary of the state for filing the articles of organization or ~~any its~~ amendments ~~thereto~~, or for a certificate of incorporation of any such society, but the secretary of state shall not accept articles of incorporation under this section unless ~~the same shall first have been~~ *they are* approved by the board of curators of the state historical society.

(2) State-wide, county or other patriotic or historical organizations, or chapters ~~thereof~~ in this state may be incorporated as affiliates of the state historical society under ~~section 44.03 sub. (1)~~ if their purposes and programs are similar to and consonant with those of the state historical society and its ~~auxiliaries~~ *affiliates*, or if already incorporated, ~~such the~~ organizations or chapters ~~thereof~~ may apply to the ~~said~~ board of curators for affiliation with the state historical society. Upon incorporation under this section or acceptance of affiliation by the ~~said~~ board of curators, ~~whichever is applicable~~, the applying organization ~~must~~ *shall* as an affiliate accept the provisions and shall be entitled to all the benefits of this section. Any ~~such auxiliary or~~ affiliated society shall be a member and entitled to one vote in any general meeting of the state historical society. The board of curators may terminate the affiliation as an ~~auxiliary or~~ affiliate of the state historical society under ~~this section 44.03~~ of any such organization by formal resolution, a copy of which shall be deposited with the secretary of state.

(3) Every ~~such auxiliary or~~ affiliated society shall make a report of its work annually to ~~said the~~ state historical society, which, ~~or portions or a synopsis thereof in its entirety or in part~~, may be included in the publications of ~~said the~~ state society, and upon application of any ~~auxiliary or~~ affiliated society the state society may accept, in behalf of the state, custody of or title to the property, records and collections of ~~such auxiliary or the~~ affiliated society.

(4) The state historical society, for the purpose of establishing uniformity in organization and methods of work, may prepare and furnish uniform articles of organization and bylaws to any ~~such auxiliary~~ affiliated society, but ~~such auxiliary~~ the affiliate may adopt, ~~from time to time~~, ~~such additional bylaws as it may desire~~.

(5) The state historical society may provide for annual or other meetings of officers or representatives of ~~such auxiliary~~ *affiliated* societies at times and places to be fixed by its director, or by such officers or representatives, and the proceedings of such meetings, or ~~such portions thereof~~ as its director ~~may select~~ *selects*, may be included in its published reports. Each ~~auxiliary~~ *affiliated* society shall receive a copy of each of the publications of ~~said the~~ state society on the same terms as those granted to life members of the state society.

(6) Custody of public records of county, village, town, school district or other governmental units may be accepted by any ~~such auxiliary affiliated~~ society which has been designated a regional depository under s. 44.10, but title to ~~such these~~ records shall remain with the state historical society. In the event of the dissolution or incapacity of any ~~such auxiliary affiliated~~ society, it shall be obligatory on the last group of officers and members to notify the director of the state historical society that the ~~auxiliary affiliated~~ society can no longer retain custody of ~~such these~~ records and to deliver ~~such records to such them to a depository as may~~ be designated by the state historical society.

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