

CHAPTER 251.

An act to incorporate the North Carolina State Firemen's Association.

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

SECTION 1. That C. D. Benbow, J. G. Fowler, H. J. Elam, J. W. Griffith, A. T. Boyd, C. F. Thomas, J. R. Donnell, Charles Whittington and S. D. Wilson, of Greensboro, J. D. McNeill, of Fayetteville, J. T. Thacker, W. F. Keith, S. A. Link, C. A. Snipes, F. N. Vogler, F. C. Mimming, of Winston-Salem, E. B. Englehard, T. W. Blake, F. H. Lumsden and F. Brannan, of Raleigh, H. E. Heartt, of Durham, B. J. Swinston, of Charlotte, and such other persons as are associated with them and their successors, be and they hereby are constituted a body politic and corporate by the name of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association, and by that name may sue and be sued, and prosecute and defend suits in all courts in this State, and may have and use a common seal and alter the same at pleasure; may make contracts and shall be capable in law of purchasing, hold-

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ing and conveying any real or personal estate for the use and benefit of said association or corporation: *Provided*, that said corporation shall not at any time hold real and personal estate of a greater value than ten thousand dollars.

Purposes of corporation.

SEC. 2. The purposes for which said association is organized are: the protection and promotion of the best interests of the firemen of North Carolina, the compilation of fire statistics, the collection of information concerning the practical workings of different systems of organization, the examination of and inquiry concerning the merits of the different kinds of apparatus in use and the improvements in the same, the cultivation of a fraternal fellowship between the different companies of the State.

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SEC. 3. Said association or corporation shall have power to appoint officers, hold meetings, to adopt a constitution and enact such by-laws and in such manner as their constitution may prescribe, and make such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry into effect the objects and aims of the association: *Provided*, that such constitution, by-laws, rules and regulations be not repugnant to the constitution and laws of this State and of the United States.

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SEC. 4. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification. Ratified the 11th day of March, A. D. 1889.