

CHAPTER 87.

PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE FOR HOME OFFICE BY FRATERNAL BENE-
FICIARY ASSOCIATIONS.

S. F. 267.

AN ACT to permit fraternal beneficiary societies, orders or associations to purchase and own real estate; to erect a building thereon and to occupy and rent the same. [Additional to chapter nine (9) of title nine (IX) of the code.]

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. Acquisition of real estate—erection of building—conditions. Any fraternal beneficiary society, order or association organized under the laws of this state, accumulating money to be held in trust for the purpose of the fulfillment of its certificates or contracts, shall be permitted to invest not to exceed ten per cent (10%) of the aggregate amount of such accumulation in such real estate in this state as is necessary for its accommodation as a home office, and in the purchase or erection of any building for such purpose it may add thereto rooms for rent; provided that before any association shall invest any of its funds in accordance with the provisions of this sub-division it shall first obtain the consent of the executive council. Any company or association so investing its funds shall convey the real estate thus acquired to the auditor of state by deed, such property to be held by him in trust for the benefit of the members of such association, the value thereof to be determined from time to time by the auditor of state. Provided, that nothing in this act shall be construed to permit the officials or board of directors of such society, order or association to make such investment without authority specifically granted by the said society, order or association through its grand or supreme lodge or convention.

Approved April 4, A. D. 1907.

CHAPTER 88.

INVESTMENT OF FUNDS OF FRATERNAL BENEFCIARY ASSOCIATIONS.

S. F. 22.

AN ACT to provide for the investment of the funds of fraternal beneficiary societies, orders or associations. [Additional to chapter nine (9) of title nine (IX) of the code.]

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. Investment of funds—securities deposited. Any fraternal beneficiary society, order or association organized under the laws of this state, accumulating money to be held in trust for the purpose of the fulfillment of its certificates or contracts, shall invest such accumulations in the following securities and no other.

1. Bonds of the United States.
2. Bonds of this or of any other state, when such bonds are at or above par.
3. Bonds or other evidences of indebtedness of any county, city, town or school district within the state or any other state, or drainage bonds of any drainage district in the state of Iowa where such bonds or other evidences of indebtedness are issued by authority of and according to law and bearing interest, and are approved by the executive council.

4. Bonds, mortgages and other interest bearing securities being first liens upon real estate within this state or any other state, worth at least double the amount loaned thereon and secured thereby exclusive of improvements, or two and one-half times such amount including the improvements thereon, if such improvements are constructed of brick or stone; but no such improvements shall be considered in estimating the value unless the owner shall contract to keep the same insured in some reliable fire insurance company or companies authorized to do business in the state, during the life of the loan, in a sum at least double the excess of the loan above one-half the value of the ground exclusive of the improvements, the insurance to be made payable in case of loss to the company or association investing its funds, as its interest may appear at the time of loss.

All such securities shall be deposited with the auditor of state subject to his approval, and shall remain with him until withdrawn in accordance with the provisions of this act. Any fraternal beneficiary society, order or association receiving payments or partial payments on any securities deposited with the auditor of state, shall notify him of such fact giving the amount and date of payment within fifteen (15) days after such payment shall have been made. The officers of any society, order or association which fails to report the receipt of payments or partial payments as above provided shall be liable to a fine in double the amount collected and not reported within the time and in the manner above specified. Any society, order or association required to make a deposit with the auditor of state as herein contemplated, shall at the time of making such deposit, designate by what provisions of its articles of incorporation or laws such fund is accumulated and upon making request for withdrawal of any funds shall designate for what purpose such withdrawal is desired. Any society, order or association, may at any time change its securities on deposit by depositing a like amount in other securities of the same character and the auditor of state shall permit a withdrawal of the same upon satisfactory proof in writing filed with him that they are to be used for the purpose for which they were originally deposited. The auditor of state shall have authority to suspend or revoke the certificate of authority of any society, order or association failing to comply with any of the provisions of this act or for violating the same.

Approved February 14, A. D. 1907.

CHAPTER 89.

INVESTMENT OF FUNDS OF FRATERNAL BENEFICIARY ASSOCIATIONS.

S. F. 261.

AN ACT to amend Senate File No. 22, as passed by the Thirty-second General Assembly February 8, 1907, and approved February 14, 1907, providing for the investment of funds of fraternal beneficiary societies, orders or associations.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. **Certain benevolent associations excepted.** That senate file No. 22, passed by the Thirty-second General Assembly and approved February 14, 1907, be amended by adding thereto the following:

"Nothing in this act shall be construed to apply to any association organized solely for benevolent purposes and composed wholly of members of any one occupation, guild, profession or religious denomination."

Approved March 26, A. D. 1907.