

portion thereof which may be used for expenses; and no part of the money collected for mortuary or disability purposes or the net accretions of either or any of said funds shall be used for expenses.

1912, ch. 824, sec. 12A.

240. (*Organization.*) Seven or more persons, citizens of the United States, and a majority of whom are citizens of this State, who desire to form a fraternal beneficiary association as defined by this sub-title, may make and sign (giving their addresses) and acknowledge before some officer competent to take acknowledgments of deeds, articles of incorporation, in which shall be stated:

1st. The proposed corporate name of the association, which shall not so closely resemble the name of any association or insurance company already transacting business in this State as to mislead the public or to lead to confusion.

2nd. The purpose for which it is formed, which shall not include more liberal powers than are granted by this sub-title, provided, that any lawful social, intellectual, educational, charitable, benevolent, moral or religious advantages may be set forth among the purposes of the association and the mode in which its corporate powers are to be exercised.

3rd. The names, residences and official titles of all the officers, trustees, directors or other persons who are to have and exercise the general control and management of the affairs and funds of the associations for the first year, or until the ensuing election at which all such officers shall be elected by the supreme legislative or governing body, which election shall be held not later than one year from the date of the issuance of the permanent certificate.

Such articles of incorporation and duly certified copies of the constitution and laws, rules and regulations, and copies of all proposed forms of benefit certificates, applications therefor and circulars to be issued by such association, and a bond in the sum of five thousand dollars, with sureties approved by the insurance commissioner, conditioned upon the return of the advanced payments as provided in this section to applicants, if the organization is not completed within one year, shall be filed with the insurance commissioner, who may require such further information as he deems necessary, and if the purposes of the association conform to the requirements of this sub-title and all provisions of law have been complied with, the insurance commissioner shall so certify, and retain and record (or file) the articles of incorporation, and furnish the incorporators a preliminary certificate authorizing said association to solicit members as hereinafter provided. Upon receipt of said certificate from the insurance commissioner, said association may solicit members for the purpose of completing its organization, and shall collect from each applicant the amount of not less than one regular monthly payment in accordance with its table of rates as pro-