

evidence with the same force and effect as the original thereof might be admitted. Service shall only be made upon such attorney, must be made in duplicate upon the Insurance Commissioner or in his absence upon the person in charge of his office, and shall be deemed sufficient service upon such association; provided, however, that no such service shall be valid or binding against any such association when it is required thereunder to file its answer, pleading or defense in less than thirty days from the date of mailing the copy of such service to such association. When legal process against any such association is served upon said Insurance Commissioner he shall forthwith forward by registered mail one of the duplicate copies, prepaid and directed to its secretary or corresponding officer. Legal process shall not be served upon any such association except in the manner provided herein.

As to process against corporations, see article 23, sections 87 and 92, and cross-references.

1912, ch. 824, sec. 18A.

**244B.** (*Place of Meeting—Location of Office.*) Any domestic association may provide that the meetings of its legislative or governing body may be held in any State, district, province or territory wherein such association has subordinate branches, and all business transacted at such meetings shall be as valid in all respects as if such meetings were held in this State. But its principal office shall be located in this State.

1912, ch. 824, sec. 19A.

**244C.** (*No Personal Liability.*) Officers and members of the supreme, grand or any subordinate body of any such incorporated association shall not be individually liable for the payment of any disability or death benefit provided for in the laws and agreements of such association, but the same shall be payable only out of the funds of such association and in the manner provided by its law.

1912, ch. 824, sec. 20A.

**244D.** (*Waiver of the Provisions of the Laws.*) The constitution and laws of the association may provide that no subordinate body, nor any of its subordinate officers or members shall have the power or authority to waive any of the provisions of the laws and constitution of the association, and the same shall be binding on the association and each and every member thereof, and on all beneficiaries of members.

1912, ch. 824, sec. 21A.

**244E.** (*Benefits Not Attachable.*) No money or other benefit, charity or relief or aid to be paid, provided or rendered by any such association shall be liable to attachment, garnishment or other process, or be seized, taken, appropriated or applied by any legal or equitable process or operation of law to pay any debt or liability of a member or beneficiary or any other person who may have a right thereunder, either before or after payment.