

be allowed. The Association may issue preferred stock or certificates of indebtedness and may provide by contract with its members or patrons, for retaining out of any money due from the association to said members of patrons, any amount sufficient to pay the dividends on such preferred stock and to accomplish the retirement thereof and of the said certificates of indebtedness.

(d.) The articles, if the association is organized without capital stock, shall state whether the property rights of members shall be equal or unequal, and if unequal, the rule by which the property rights of the respective members shall be determined. The Association may admit new members who shall be entitled to share in the property of the association upon the same basis as the old members. This provision relating to property rights, shall not be amended or repealed by the association, except by the vote of at least three-fourths of the members.

1922, ch. 197, sec. 471.

421. The original articles of incorporation of an association organized under this sub-title, or a true copy thereof verified as such by the affidavits of two of the signers thereof shall be filed with the State Tax Commission who shall record and transmit a copy in all respects as provided in Section 6 of this article for other corporations, but such cooperative associations shall be exempt from the bonus tax provided in Section 106 of this article.

1922, ch. 197, sec. 472.

422. The articles of incorporation of any association organized under this sub-title or which may elect to come under the provisions of this sub-title may be amended in the following manner: The board of directors, by majority vote of its members, may pass a resolution setting forth the full text of the proposed amendment and also the full text of such section or sections as may be repealed by such amendments. Upon such action by the board of directors, notice shall be mailed to each and every member containing a copy of the resolution so adopted, the full text of the proposed amendment and also the full text of such section or sections as may be repealed by such amendment. Such notice shall also designate the time and place of the meeting at which such proposed amendment shall be considered and voted upon, in the same manner as elsewhere provided in this sub-title. If a quorum of the members is registered as being present or represented by mail votes at such meeting, a majority of the members so present or represented by mail vote, may adopt or reject such proposed amendment; provided that no amendment may be adopted inconsistent with Section 420.

Said power to amend shall include the power to increase or diminish the amount of capital stock and the number of shares; provided, that the amount of the capital stock shall not be diminished below the amount of the paid-up capital at the time that the amendment is adopted. Within thirty days after the adoption of an amendment to its articles of incorporation, an association shall cause a copy of such amendments adopted to be filed with the State Tax Commission, who shall record and transmit a