

any such license it shall be the duty of the State Insurance Commissioner to ascertain to his satisfaction that the membership list of the association is genuine, and that every member thereof will take the policies as agreed by him within thirty days of the granting of the license to such association to issue policies. If at any time the number of members falls below twenty or the number of employees who are employed by the members of any such association falls below two thousand, no more policies shall be issued by such association until other employers have made bona fide applications for insurance therein, who, together with the existing members, amount to not less than twenty employers who employ not less than two thousand employees, and in the event that such applications for insurance shall not be obtained within a reasonable time, to be fixed by the State Insurance Commissioner, said Insurance Commissioner may take the proceedings against such association under and as provided in sub-Section or division Seventh of Section 178 of this Article (Bagby's Code).

The members of any such mutual insurance association shall be policy-holders therein or contributors to the fund, and when any member ceases to be a policy-holder or contributor to the fund he shall cease, at the same time, to be a member of such association. A corporation, partnership, association or joint stock company may become a member of such mutual insurance association and may authorize another person to represent it in any such insurance association, and such representative shall have all the rights of any individual member. Any person acting as employer in the capacity of a receiver or trustee may insure in such association and as such receiver or trustee may assume the liabilities and be entitled to the rights of a member, but shall not be personally liable upon such contract of insurance.

Any such insurance association may borrow money or assume liability in a sum sufficient to defray the reasonable expenses of its organization.

154-B. Any such mutual insurance association shall have not less than nine directors, and such officers as shall be provided in the certificate of incorporation or by the by-laws made by the members. The directors shall be elected annually by the votes of the members. All except three of the directors of any such association elected after its organization is completed and it is authorized to begin issuing insurance policies shall be members of such association. All the officers except