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SEC. 2 And be it enacted, That it shall be the duty of the secretary of said association to keep a book containing a copy of this act, and of such constitution and bye-laws as may be established for the government of said association, and that all persons who may be elected members thereof, shall upon signing their names thereto, and upon payment of such fees, charges and premiums as may be demanded by the proper officers of the said corporation, be constituted members of the said association, and as such shall be bound by all the rules and regulations thereof, as contained in this act, and in the constitution and bye-laws of the said association.

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SEC. 3. And be it enacted, That any member of the said association, who has not previously received the benefits assured to each member thereof, shall have full power at any time by making application in writing to the proper officers, who shall within one month thereafter, or so soon as the necessary sum is in the treasury, return to the member so applying the amount of his deposits, after deducting therefrom the entrance fee, the amount of fines imposed upon him by reason of the non-fulfilment of his duties to the time of making such application, any arrearages of assessments that he may then owe to the association of which he is a member, and a fair proportional part of the losses to that time sustained by the association, and of the expenses incurred in the management of the affairs of the association.

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be lawful for the directors of the association to require and receive from any member applying for benefits according to the provisions of the constitution of this association, such security in the form of a mortgage or other evidence of debt, at their option, for the true and faithful discharge of his duties as benefited member, and upon refusal or neglect on the part of a member so applying to provide and give such security, to withhold from him all benefits, until such security is given, or until he becomes thereto entitled by the provisions of said constitution, without giving security.

Responsibility of members

SEC. 5. And be it enacted, That all persons at any time members of said association, and who shall not have withdrawn therefrom in accordance with the third section of this act, shall be jointly responsible to the other members thereof, for the benefits to which they may become entitled by the provisions of this

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