

**320. Location of Office—Place of Meeting—Records in English Language.**

(a) The principal office of any domestic society shall be located in this State. The meetings of its supreme legislative or governing body may be held in any state, district, province or territory wherein such society has at least five (5) 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.

(b) The minutes of the proceedings of the supreme or governing body and of the board of directors or corresponding body of a society shall be in the English language.

**321. Institutions.**

(a) It shall be lawful for a society to create, maintain and operate charitable, benevolent or educational institutions for the benefit of its members and their families and dependents and for the benefit of children insured by the society. For such purpose it may own, hold or lease personal property or real property located within or without this State, with necessary buildings thereon. Such property shall be reported in every annual statement but shall not be allowed as an admitted asset of such society.

(b) Maintenance, treatment and proper attendance in any such institution may be furnished free or a reasonable charge may be made therefor, but no such institution shall be operated for profit. The society shall maintain a separate accounting of any income and disbursements under this section and report them in its annual statement.

(c) No society shall own or operate funeral homes or undertaking establishments.

**322. Qualifications for Membership.**

A society may admit to benefit membership any person not less than fifteen (15) years of age, nearest birthday, who has furnished evidence of insurability acceptable to the society. Any such member who shall apply for additional benefits more than six (6) months after becoming a benefit member shall furnish additional evidence of insurability acceptable to the society.

Any person admitted prior to attaining the full age of twenty-one (21) years shall be bound by the terms of the application and certificate and by all the laws and rules of the society and shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of membership therein to the same extent as though the age of majority had been attained at the time of application. A society may also admit general or social members who shall have no voice or vote in the management of its insurance affairs.

**323. Member's Share of Deficiency.**

A society shall provide in its constitution or laws that if its reserves as to all or any class of certificates become impaired its board of directors or corresponding body may require that there shall be paid by the member to the society the amount of the member's equitable proportion of such deficiency as ascertained by its board,