

Public Law 98-372
98th Congress

An Act

To recognize the organization known as the Polish Legion of American Veterans,
U.S.A.

July 23, 1984
[H.R. 29]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the
United States of America in Congress assembled,*

CHARTER

SECTION 1. The Polish Legion of American Veterans, U.S.A., a
nonprofit corporation organized under the laws of the State of
Illinois, is hereby recognized as such and is granted a charter.

Corporation.
36 USC 2501.

POWERS

SEC. 2. The Polish Legion of American Veterans, U.S.A. (herein-
after referred to as the "corporation"), shall have only those powers
granted to it through its bylaws and articles of incorporation filed in
the State or States in which it is incorporated and subject to the
laws of such State or States.

36 USC 2502.

OBJECTS AND PURPOSES OF CORPORATION

SEC. 3. The objects and purposes of the corporation are those
provided in its articles of incorporation. The corporation shall func-
tion as a veterans' and patriotic organization as authorized by the
laws of the State or States where it is incorporated.

36 USC 2503.

SERVICE OF PROCESS

SEC. 4. With respect to service of process, the corporation shall
comply with the laws of the States in which it is incorporated and
those States in which it carries on its activities in furtherance of its
corporate purposes.

36 USC 2504.

MEMBERSHIP

SEC. 5. Eligibility for membership in the corporation and the
rights and privileges of members shall, except as provided in this
Act, be as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the corpora-
tion, and terms of membership and requirements for holding office
within the corporation shall not be discriminatory on the basis of
race, color, religion, or national origin.

Discrimination,
prohibition.
36 USC 2505.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS; COMPOSITION; RESPONSIBILITIES

SEC. 6. The board of directors of the corporation and the responsi-
bilities thereof shall be as provided in the articles of incorporation of
the corporation and in conformity with the laws of the State or
States in which it is incorporated.

36 USC 2506.

OFFICERS OF CORPORATION

- 36 USC 2507. SEC. 7. The officers of the corporation, and the election of such officers shall be as is provided in the articles of incorporation of the corporation and in conformity with the laws of the State or States wherein it is incorporated.

RESTRICTIONS

- 36 USC 2508. SEC. 8. (a) No part of the income or assets of the corporation shall inure to any member, officer, or director of the corporation or be distributed to any such person during the life of this charter. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to prevent the payment of reasonable compensation to the officers of the corporation or reimbursement for actual necessary expenses in amounts approved by the board of directors.
- (b) The corporation shall not make any loan to any officer, director, or employee of the corporation.
- (c) The corporation and any officer and director of the corporation, acting as such officer or director, shall not contribute to, support or otherwise participate in any political activity or in any manner attempt to influence legislation.
- (d) The corporation shall have no power to issue any shares of stock nor to declare or pay any dividends.
- (e) The corporation shall not claim congressional approval or Federal Government authority for any of its activities.

LIABILITY

- 36 USC 2509. SEC. 9. The corporation shall be liable for the acts of its officers and agents when acting within the scope of their authority.

BOOKS AND RECORDS; INSPECTION

- 36 USC 2510. SEC. 10. The corporation shall keep correct and complete books and records of account and shall keep minutes of any proceeding of the corporation involving any of its members, the board of directors, or any committee having authority under the board of directors. The corporation shall keep at its principal office a record of the names and addresses of all members having the right to vote. All books and records of such corporation may be inspected by any member having the right to vote, or by any agent or attorney of such member, for any proper purpose, at any reasonable time. Nothing in this section shall be construed to contravene any applicable State law.

AUDIT OF FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

SEC. 11. The first section of the Act entitled "An Act to provide for audit of accounts of private corporations established under the Federal law", approved August 30, 1964 (36 U.S.C. 1101), is amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

"(58) Polish Legion of American Veterans, U.S.A."

ANNUAL REPORT

- 36 USC 2511. SEC. 12. The corporation shall report annually to the Congress concerning the activities of the corporation during the preceding fiscal year. Such annual report shall be submitted at the same time

as is the report of the audit required by section 11 of this Act. The report shall not be printed as a public document.

RESERVATION OF RIGHT TO AMEND OR REPEAL CHARTER

SEC. 13. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is expressly reserved to the Congress.

Congress.
36 USC 2512.

DEFINITION OF STATE

SEC. 14. For purposes of this Act, the term "State" includes the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the territories and possessions of the United States.

36 USC 2513.

TAX EXEMPT STATUS

SEC. 15. The corporation shall maintain its status as an organization exempt from taxation as provided in the Internal Revenue Code. If the corporation fails to maintain such status, the charter granted hereby shall expire.

36 USC 2514.

26 USC 1 *et seq.*

SEC. 16. If the corporation shall fail to comply with any of the restrictions or provisions of this Act, the charter granted hereby shall expire.

36 USC 2515.

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