

overcrowding as is dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates; and

(b) Shall in the second case be the amount estimated as the value of the building if it had been put into a sanitary or safe condition, or into reasonably good repair, after deducting the estimated expense of putting it into such condition or repair; and

(c) Shall in the third case be the value of the materials of the building.

That after hearing and considering the testimony offered by the owner and offered on behalf of the District of Columbia, the said committee of award shall report to the court in writing the compensation allowed by them to the owner according to the provisions of this section. Unless cause be shown to the court within ten days from the filing of said report why the same should not be confirmed, the court shall confirm the same and judgment be entered thereon accordingly; but from the damages awarded in any case the cost of removing the building, including the cost of making good such damage to adjoining premises as may have resulted from carelessness or willful recklessness in such removal, and the cost of publication, if any, authorized by section ten of this Act, shall be deducted unless the owner shall, at his own expense, remove the same within such time as may be fixed by the court in the order confirming the report of the said committee as hereinbefore provided.

That each member of the committee of award appointed by the court as aforesaid shall receive for each day's attendance the sum of five dollars, and any vacancy caused by death, sickness, or disqualification may be filled by appointment by the court.

SEC. 15. That except as herein otherwise authorized all expenses incident to the enforcement of this Act shall be paid from appropriations made from time to time for that purpose, one-half from the revenues of the District of Columbia and one-half from any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

SEC. 16. That all Acts and parts of Acts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act be, and the same are hereby, repealed.

Approved, May 1, 1906.

CHAP. 2074.—An Act To incorporate The American Cross of Honor within the District of Columbia.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That H. A. George, of Charlottesville, Virginia; Richard Stocking, of Trenton, New Jersey; John J. Delaney, of New York City, New York; Andrew M. Taylor, of Rondout, New York; Eugene Longstreet, of Brielle, New Jersey, and Thomas H. Herndon, of Washington, District of Columbia, their associates and successors, are hereby created a body politic and corporate within the District of Columbia, by the name of The American Cross of Honor, for the purpose of bringing into closer relations of fraternal fellowship the said body, and to cause to be perpetuated the memory of the gallant and heroic deeds of those persons upon whom the United States Government has bestowed the life-saving medal of honor. Congress reserves the right to amend, alter or repeal this Act.

Approved, May 1, 1906.

Value of buildings in sanitary condition, etc.

Value of material.

Report on amount of compensation.

Confirmation of report.

Compensation of committee of award.

Vacancies.

Expenses.

One-half from District revenues.

Repeal.

May 1, 1906.
[S. 3045.]

[Public, No. 139.]

District of Columbia.
The American Cross of Honor incorporated.
Incorporators.

Purposes.

Amendment.

May 1, 1906.
[S. 4046.]
[Public, No. 140.]
District of Columbia.
The Edes Home in-
corporated.
Incorporators.

CHAP. 2075.—An Act To incorporate The Edes Home.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That George L. Nicolson, Albion K. Parris, R. Douglas Simms, Robert D. Weaver, Archibald Greenlees, Edward F. Looker, and George A. King, all residents of that portion of the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia, which, on the tenth day of February, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and ninety-five, constituted the city of Georgetown, in the said District, and their successors, from the aforesaid portion of the said city of Washington, to be supplied in the manner hereinafter directed, be, and they are hereby, created and declared to be a body politic and corporate in the District of Columbia, by the name, style, and title of "The Edes Home," and by that name to have perpetual succession, to contract and be contracted with, to sue and be sued, to implead and be impleaded, and to erect and forever maintain and support, in the said portion of the said city of Washington, a home for aged and indigent widows residing, or to reside, within the said portion of the said city of Washington; and the said home shall be forever exempt from the control of any particular religious sect or persuasion.

SEC. 2. That the said corporation may acquire, take, receive, invest, reinvest, and dispose of property of every nature whatever for the use and benefit of the said home. The property held by the said corporation actually and exclusively used and occupied for the home provided in section one of this Act shall while and as long as so actually and exclusively used and occupied, be free from any tax, burden, or assessment, laid or to be laid by the United States or under any authority emanating therefrom.

SEC. 3. That the said corporation shall have power to adopt a common seal, and to break and alter the same at pleasure; to supply vacancies occurring in the membership of the said corporation from male persons residing or to reside within the said portion of the said city of Washington; to appoint a president, secretary, treasurer, and such other officers as the said corporation may deem necessary, and define the duties and fix the compensations or emoluments of such president, secretary, treasurer, and other officers; to determine how many and what particular persons of those qualified for admission into the said home shall be actually received therein; to exclude at pleasure from said home any person who shall have been admitted thereto as an inmate thereof; to make, ordain, establish, and execute all such ordinances and by-laws, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, as the said corporation may deem needful in the interests of the said home; and to provide for the abrogation, alteration, or amendment of any of said ordinances or by-laws, whether by a majority, for the time being, of the members of the said corporation or by a fixed number or proportion exceeding a majority of the whole number of members of which the said corporation may lawfully consist, but the provision in such latter case shall itself be first adopted by the like fixed number or proportion exceeding a majority of the whole number of members of which the said corporation may lawfully exist.

SEC. 4. That the said corporation shall cause to be printed and published on three successive days, Sunday exclusive, of the month of May in each and every year, in some morning newspaper printed and published in the said city of Washington and possessing the largest or next largest general circulation therein, a true and correct statement, under the seal of the said corporation and attested by the signatures of the majority, for the time being, of the members of the said corporation, setting forth the number of widows residing in the said home, as free inmates thereof, at the date of such statement, and the number departed therefrom, through death or other cause, since the publication of any next previous like statement by the said corpora-

Name.
Rights.

Object.

Limit of property
holdings, etc.

Nontaxable.

Powers.

Annual statement
to be published.