

No. 72.

AN ACT

To incorporate "the Windsor mutual assistance and fire insurance company," of Berks county.

Corporators.	SECTION 1. <i>Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same,</i> That Isaac Miller, junior, Benjamin Shollenberger, William Miller, Benjamin Gartner, Jacob Reber, junior, John Beaver, William Hebner, Martin Stetzler, Michael Smith, Daniel Bousher, Joseph Smith, Nicholas Swoyer, and all other persons who may hereafter be associated with them in the manner hereinafter prescribed, and their successors, shall be and they are hereby constituted and declared to be a body politic and corporate, by the name, style and title, of "the Windsor mutual assistance and fire insurance company," of Berks county; and by the same name shall have perpetual succession, and shall be able and capable to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, in all courts of law or elsewhere; and to purchase, receive, have, hold and enjoy, to them and their successors, lands, tenements, rents, annuities, franchises and hereditaments, goods and chattels, of what kind soever, and choses in action, and the same to sell and dispose of from time to time; and also to have one common seal, and the same to alter and renew at pleasure; and also to ordain, establish and put in execution, such by-laws, ordinances and regulations, as shall appear necessary and convenient for the government of said corporation, not being contrary to this charter or the laws of the United States, or of this commonwealth; and generally to do and transact all such matters and things as shall to them lawfully appertain to do and transact for the well being of the said corporation, and the due management and well ordering of the affairs thereof: <i>Provided,</i> That the clear yearly value or income of the necessary houses, lands, tenements, rents and annuities, or other hereditaments and real estate of said corporation, and the interest of money loaned by it, shall not exceed two thousand dollars.
Name.	
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By-laws.	
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Object.	SECTION 2. The object and business of the said company is hereby prescribed to be the insurance of their respective dwelling houses, barns, stores, mills, shops, and other buildings, household furniture, goods and chattels, and other property, against loss or damage by fire, by engaging to pay such a portion of the said actual loss as shall be determined on by the by-laws.
Who may become members.	SECTION 3. All persons who shall hereafter insure with the said corporation, and also their heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, continuing to be insured in said corporation as is hereinafter provided, shall thereby become members thereof during the period they shall remain insured by the said corporation, and no longer.
Managers.	SECTION 4. The affairs of the said company shall be managed by a board of directors, consisting of seven members, to be elected and chosen as hereinafter provided; which board shall elect from its own number one person as president; they shall also elect or appoint one person as secretary of the board, and one person as treasurer, of whom they shall require such security as they may provide by their by-laws,
Officers.	

and may employ such other officers, clerks, agents and attorneys, as may be found necessary for the transactions of the business of the institution; and shall also determine the rates of insurance, and the sums to be insured. A majority of said board shall constitute a quorum to do business.

SECTION 5. The members of the company shall, upon ten days' notice in one newspaper published in the county of Berks, meet at the public house now of Jacob Heinley, in Windsor, or at such a place thereafter designated by a majority of the voters present at any stated meeting, on the first Saturday in October in each year, for the purpose of holding an election for directors; and such election shall be held under the inspection of three members, to be chosen by the members present at the time and place of holding the election. Such election for directors shall be by ballot, and a majority of the votes given, to elect; and the directors so elected, shall continue in office until the first Saturday in October in the succeeding year, or until others are elected; on which day, and annually thereafter, an election shall be held for directors, as is provided for in this act; each member shall be entitled to one vote. In case of death, resignation, or removal from the county, of any of the board of directors, the board shall have power to fill such vacancy until the ensuing annual election. Annual meetings. Election. Votes.

SECTION 6. Every person who shall become a member of this company by effecting insurance therein, shall, before he receives his policy, deposit with the treasurer the sum of fifty cents for every thousand dollars worth of property he shall have insured, and so in proportion for a less or greater sum, besides twenty cents for the policy, for the purpose of defraying such incidental charges as shall be necessary for transacting the business of said company; and it shall be lawful for said company to loan such portion of the said money on hand as may not be immediately wanted for the purposes of said company, to be secured in such a mode as a majority of the board of directors shall designate. Policy.

SECTION 7. When any property insured with this company shall be aliened by sale or otherwise, the policy shall therefor be void, and shall be surrendered to the directors to be cancelled. When to be void.

SECTION 8. Every member of said company shall be bound to pay for losses, and such necessary expenses aforesaid accruing in said company, in proportion to the amount of property insured by him or her. Liability.

SECTION 9. Suits at law may be prosecuted and maintained by any member against the said company, for losses and damages by fire, if payment be withheld or refused for more than three months after the company are notified of such losses; no member of the company, not being in his individual capacity a party to the suit or suits, shall be incompetent as a witness on account of his being a member of the company. Suits.

SECTION 10. The directors, after ascertaining the amount of loss or damage by fire sustained by any of its members, in such manner as they by their by-laws may prescribe, shall settle, and the members shall pay the same to the treasurer of the company, within thirty days after the publication of said notice; on neglect or refusal to pay the sum assessed upon him, as a portion of any loss as aforesaid, in such case said company may sue for and recover the said amount with costs of suit. Directors to settle amount of damages.

SECTION 11. It shall be the duty of the treasurer of the said company, at the annual meeting provided for in the fifth article, to exhibit in detail the condition of the finances of said company, and the names of the person or persons to whom the funds of the company have been loaned; and it shall also be the duty of the said treasurer, and the sec- Duty of treasurer

retary of said company, at the annual meeting aforesaid, or whenever at any other time a majority of the board of directors shall require the same, to produce all such books and papers appertaining to the business of said company.

Board of directors.

SECTION 12. The seven persons first named in the first section of this act, shall constitute the board of directors of said institution, until the first Saturday in October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, or until others are elected in their stead.

When policy may issue.

SECTION 13. No policy shall be issued by the company until application be made for insurance to the amount of forty-five thousand dollars.

Reservation.

SECTION 14. This act shall take effect immediately after its passage; but the legislature of this commonwealth may at any time alter, modify, or annul its provisions, in such manner, however, as to do no injustice to the corporators.

FINDLEY PATTERSON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

DANIEL L. SHERWOOD,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The seventh day of March, one thousand eight hundred and forty-six.

FRS. R. SHUNK.

No. 73.

AN ACT

Regulating election districts.

Bradford co.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same,* That the qualified voters of the township of Springhill, in Bradford county, shall hereafter hold their general and township elections at the house of D. D. Black, in said township.

Bedford co.

SECTION 2. That the qualified voters of the township of Licking Creek, in the county of Bedford, shall hereafter hold their general and township elections at the public school house number two, in said township.

Indiana co.

SECTION 3. That all that part of Centre township, in the county of Indiana, which lies north-east of the state road from Indiana to Armagh, and south-east of Yellow creek, be and the same is hereby annexed to the township of Brush Valley, in said county of Indiana; and the qualified voters of that portion of Centre township, thus annexed to Brush Valley township, shall hereafter elect with the voters of Brush Valley township, in the county of Indiana.

Indiana co.

SECTION 4. That all that portion of Centre township, in the county of Indiana, that lies east of White township, and between the townships of Green and Yellow Creek, in said county of Indiana, be and the same