



Friendly Societies Act 1896

1896 CHAPTER 25

SOCIETIES WITH BRANCHES

17 Registry of societies with branches

- (1) Where a society has branches, the application for registry shall be accompanied with—
 - (a) a list of all the branches, and notice of the place where the registered office of each branch is situate; and
 - (b) if any branch is to have trustees or officers authorised to sue and be sued on its behalf, other than the trustees or officers authorised to sue and be sued on behalf of the society, a list of the names of all such trustees or officers, distinguishing the branches for which they are authorised to sue and be sued ; and
 - (c) if the rules of all the branches (in this Act called branch rules) are or are intended to be identical, a statement to that effect, and copies of those rules ; and
 - (d) if the branch rules are not or are not intended to be identical, a statement to that effect, and copies of all branch rules.
- (2) A society having a fund under the control of a central body to which every branch is bound to contribute may be registered as a single society, and where any such society has branches in more than one part of the United Kingdom the provision of this Act as to the registry of societies doing business in more than one such part shall apply to that society.

18 Establishment of new branches

- (1) There shall be sent under the hand of the secretary of a registered society to the registrar—
 - (a) notice of the establishment of every new branch of the society; and
 - (b) notice of the place where the registered office of the branch is situate ; and
 - (c) if the branch is to have trustees or officers authorised to sue and be sued "on its behalf other than the trustees or officers authorised to sue and be sued on behalf of the society, a list of the names of such trustees or officers ; and

- (d) a statement whether or not the rules of the branch are identical with those of the other branches of the society, and, if not so, a copy of the rules of the branch.
- (2) Where the rules of the new branch are not identical with those of the other branches of the society, the society shall not be entitled to any of the privileges of this Act in respect of that branch until that branch has been registered in the part of the United Kingdom in which the registered office of the branch is to be situate.

19 Application of previous provisions to branches

The provisions of this Act as to—

- (a) the acknowledgment of registry of societies and amendments of rules; and
 - (b) appeals from refusals to register societies and amendments of rules and the result thereof; and
 - (c) the registry of amendments of rules ; and
 - (d) evidence of registry and of the appointment of trustees and officers
- shall apply to branches and amendments of branch rules.

20 Requisites for registry of branches as societies

- (1) A body which, has been registered as a branch of a society shall not be registered as a society except on production to the registrar of a certificate under the hand of the chief secretary or other principal officer of the society of which it was a branch, that the body has wholly seceded or has been expelled from the society.
- (2) An appeal shall lie from the refusal of the chief secretary or other principal officer of the society, or his omission after three months from the receipt of a request in writing made on behalf of the body to grant a certificate, to the High Court in England or Ireland or to the Court of Session in Scotland.

21 Name of seceding or expelled branch

A body which, having been a branch of a society, has wholly seceded or been expelled from that society shall not thereafter use the name of that society or any name implying that it is a branch thereof, or the number by which it was designated as such branch.

22 Contributions from one society to another

- (1) A registered society or branch may contribute to the funds and take part by delegates or otherwise in the government of any other registered society or registered branch of a society, as provided in the rules of that first-named society or branch, without becoming a branch under this Act of that other society or branch.
- (2) This section shall in respect of contributing to the funds and taking part in the government of a medical society, that is to say, a society for the purpose of relief in sickness by providing medical attendance and medicine, extend to any registered trade union or branch of a registered trade union.
- (3) A registered society or trade union or branch shall not withdraw from contributing to the funds of any such medical society except on three months notice to the society and

on payment of all contributions accrued or accruing due to the date of the expiration of the notice.