

Sec 1st Be it enacted by the people of the State of Illinois represented in the General Assembly: That hereafter it shall be lawful for any number of persons, resident within any Town, or Corporation within this State, exceeding forty persons, to form themselves into a Company, or Companies for the purpose of extinguishing fires; who on having their names and subscriptions recorded in the Recorder's Office of the proper County, are hereby authorized to make such rules and regulations, as to a majority of said Company or Companies, may seem proper and necessary, for the procuring of engines, buckets, hooks, ladders, and all implements necessary for working said engines, and exercising the Companies; Provided, no by law shall be contrary to the laws of this State.

Sec 2nd So soon as such persons shall have had their names and subscriptions recorded, as aforesaid, they and their successors shall be in law and in fact a body Corporate and politic to have continuance forever by the name and style of "The _____ Fire Company"; and by such Corporate name and style, shall be given

able and capable, in law and in Equity, to sue
and be sued, implead and be impleaded, answer
and be answered, defend and be defended, in
all manner of suits, actions, plaints, pleas, Causes,
matters and demands, of whatever kind and nature
they may be, in as full and effectual a manner,
as any person or persons, bodies Corporate and
politic, may or can do.

The 3^d. All fines and forfeitures, for non
attendance, or delinquency imposed by the by. laws
and regulations to be adopted by the Companies pro-
vided for by this act, not exceeding twenty
dollars, shall be recoverable by action of debt,
before any Justice of the peace of the proper
County, by the said Company, in their Corporate
capacity, which said fines and forfeitures, shall
be for the use of the Company suing for the same.

The 4th. All persons who shall form themselves
into fire Companies as is provided in the 1st. Section
of this act, shall be exempt from militia duty,

during the time they belong to such Company;
and all persons who shall have served twelve years in
succession in any such fire Company, shall forever
after be exempt from doing militia duty in this
State, except in time of war. This Act
to be in force and take effect from and after its
passage.

Passed A.R. Feb. 5. 1835

A. S. Wickert C. R.

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A Bill
for an Act for
the incorporation
of Ohio Com-
panies.

to be enrolled
A. K. A. R.

Engraved.