

§ 151309. Civil action by Attorney General for equitable relief

The Attorney General may bring a civil action in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia for appropriate equitable relief if the corporation—

(1) engages or threatens to engage in any act, practice, or policy that is inconsistent with the purposes in section 151302 of this title; or

(2) refuses, fails, or neglects to carry out its obligations under this chapter or threatens to do so.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
151309	36:5206(c).	Oct. 26, 1992, Pub. L. 102–522, title II, §207(c), 106 Stat. 3420.

Before clause (1), the words “bring a civil action” are substituted for “petition” for consistency in the revised title and with other titles of the United States Code. The words “appropriate equitable relief” are substituted for “such equitable relief as may be necessary or appropriate” to eliminate unnecessary words.

§ 151310. Immunity of United States Government

The United States Government is not liable for any debts, defaults, acts, or omissions of the corporation. The full faith and credit of the Government does not extend to any obligation of the corporation.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
151310	36:5207.	Oct. 26, 1992, Pub. L. 102–522, title II, §208, 106 Stat. 3420.

§ 151311. Annual report

Not later than 4 months after the end of each fiscal year, the corporation shall submit a report to the appropriate committees of Congress on the activities of the corporation during the prior fiscal year, including a complete statement of its receipts, expenditures, and investments.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
151311	36:5206(b).	Oct. 26, 1992, Pub. L. 102–522, title II, §207(b), 106 Stat. 3420.

The word “proceedings” is omitted for consistency in the revised title.

CHAPTER 1515—NATIONAL FEDERATION OF MUSIC CLUBS

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§ 151501. Definition

For purposes of this chapter, “State” includes the District of Columbia and the territories and possessions of the United States.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
151501	36:2013.	Aug. 9, 1982, Pub. L. 97–231, §14, 96 Stat. 258.

The words “the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico” are omitted as included in “the territories and possessions of the United States”.

§ 151502. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—National Federation of Music Clubs (in this chapter, the “corporation”), incorporated in Illinois, is a federally chartered corporation.

(b) EXPIRATION OF CHARTER.—If the corporation does not comply with any provision of this chapter, the charter granted by this chapter expires.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1402.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
151502(a)	36:2001.	Aug. 9, 1982, Pub. L. 97–231, §§1, 15 (last sentence), 16, 96 Stat. 256, 258.
151502(b)	36:2014 (last sentence). 36:2015.	

This section is substituted for the source provisions for consistency in the revised title.

§ 151503. Purposes

(a) SPECIFIC PURPOSES.—The purposes of the corporation are as provided in the articles of incorporation and include—

(1) bringing into working relations with one another, music clubs and other musical organizations and individuals associated with musical activity for the purpose of developing and maintaining high musical standards;

(2) aiding and encouraging musical education; and

(3) promoting American music and American artists throughout the United States and the world.

(b) PATRIOTIC, CIVIC, AND HISTORICAL ORGANIZATION.—The corporation shall function as a patriotic, civic, and historical organization as authorized by the laws of each State in which it is incorporated.

(Pub. L. 105-225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1402.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
151503	36:2003.	Aug. 9, 1982, Pub. L. 97-231, § 3, 96 Stat. 256.

In subsection (a), the words “objects”, “directly or indirectly”, and “of America” are omitted as unnecessary and for consistency in the revised title.

§ 151504. Membership

Eligibility for membership in the corporation and the rights and privileges of members are as provided in the bylaws.

(Pub. L. 105-225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1402.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
151504	36:2005.	Aug. 9, 1982, Pub. L. 97-231, § 5, 96 Stat. 256.

§ 151505. Governing body

(a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—The board of directors and the responsibilities of the board are as provided in the articles of incorporation.

(b) OFFICERS.—The officers and the election of the officers are as provided in the articles of incorporation.

(Pub. L. 105-225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1402.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
151505(a)	36:2006.	Aug. 9, 1982, Pub. L. 97-231, §§ 6, 7, 96 Stat. 257.
151505(b)	36:2007.	

The words “and in conformity with the laws of the State or States in which it is incorporated” in 36:2006 and “and in conformity with the laws of the State or States wherein it is incorporated” in 36:2007 are omitted as unnecessary.

§ 151506. Powers

The corporation has only the powers provided in its bylaws and articles of incorporation filed in each State in which it is incorporated.

(Pub. L. 105-225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1402.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
151506	36:2002.	Aug. 9, 1982, Pub. L. 97-231, § 2, 96 Stat. 256.

The words “and subject to the laws of such State or States” are omitted as unnecessary.

§ 151507. Restrictions

(a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or declare or pay a dividend.

(b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or a director or officer as such may not contribute to, support, or participate in any political activity or in any manner attempt to influence legislation.

(c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a director, officer, or member during the life of the charter granted by this chapter. This subsection does not prevent the payment of reasonable compensation to an officer or reimbursement for actual necessary expenses in amounts approved by the board of directors.

(d) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan to a director, officer, or employee.

(e) CLAIM OF GOVERNMENTAL APPROVAL OR AUTHORIZATION.—The corporation may not claim congressional approval or the authority of the United States Government for any of its activities.

(Pub. L. 105-225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1403.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
151507(a)	36:2008(d).	Aug. 9, 1982, Pub. L. 97-231, § 8(a)-(e), 96 Stat. 257.
151507(b)	36:2008(c).	
151507(c)	36:2008(a).	
151507(d)	36:2008(b).	
151507(e)	36:2008(e).	

In subsection (a), the words “any shares of” are omitted as unnecessary.

In subsection (c), the words “inure to the benefit of” are substituted for “inure to” for consistency in the revised title.

§ 151508. Duty to maintain corporate and tax-exempt status

(a) CORPORATE STATUS.—The corporation shall maintain its status as a corporation incorporated under the laws of Illinois.

(b) TAX-EXEMPT STATUS.—The corporation shall maintain its status as an organization exempt from taxation under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 1 et seq.).

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
151508(a)	36:2008(f).	Aug. 9, 1982, Pub. L. 97-231, §§ 8(f), 15 (1st sentence), 96 Stat. 257, 258.
151508(b)	36:2014 (1st sentence).	

§ 151509. Records and inspection

(a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

- (1) correct and complete records of account;
- (2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of directors, and committees having any of the authority of its board of directors; and
- (3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of its members entitled to vote.

(b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper purpose, at any reasonable time.

(Pub. L. 105-225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1403.)