

In subsection (b), the word “Thereafter” is omitted as obsolete.

**§ 153705. Powers**

The corporation may—

- (1) adopt and amend a constitution and by-laws for the management of its property and the regulation of its affairs;
- (2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;
- (3) choose officers as the corporation requires;
- (4) make contracts;
- (5) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as necessary or convenient to carry out the purposes of the corporation; and
- (6) sue and be sued.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
153705 .....	36:1004(2)–(8).  36:1018.	Sept. 7, 1962, Pub. L. 87–650, §§4(2)–(8), 18, 76 Stat. 503, 506.

In this section, the text of 36:1018 is omitted as executed and obsolete.

In clause (1), the word “alter” is omitted as included in “amend”. The words “not inconsistent with the laws of the United States or any State in which the corporation is to operate” are omitted as unnecessary.

In clause (2), the word “use” is omitted as unnecessary.

In clause (4), the words “make contracts” are substituted for “contract and be contracted with” for consistency in the revised title and to eliminate unnecessary words.

Clause (5) is substituted for “take by lease, gift, purchase, grants, devise, or bequest from any public body or agency or any private corporation, association, partnership, firm, or individual and to hold absolutely or in trust for any of the purposes of the corporation any property, real, personal, or mixed, necessary or convenient for attaining the objects and carrying into effect the purposes of the corporation” and “transfer, convey, lease, sublease, encumber, and otherwise alienate real, personal, or mixed property” for consistency in the revised title and to eliminate unnecessary words. The words “subject, however, to applicable provisions of law of any State, (A) governing the amount or kind of property which may be held by, or (B) otherwise limiting or controlling the ownership of property by, a corporation operating in such State” are omitted as unnecessary.

In clause (6), the words “complain and defend in any court of competent jurisdiction” are omitted as unnecessary.

**§ 153706. Exclusive right to name, seals, emblems, and badges**

The corporation and its subordinate corps have the exclusive right to use the name “National Woman’s Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic”. The corporation has the exclusive right to use and to allow others to use seals, emblems, and badges the corporation adopts.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

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153706 .....	36:1017.	Sept. 7, 1962, Pub. L. 87–650, §17, 76 Stat. 505.

The word “sole” is omitted as included in “exclusive”. The words “the corporation adopts” are substituted for “as have heretofore been used by the Illinois corporation described in section 1018 of this title” for consistency in the revised title. The words “and the right to which may be lawfully transferred to the corporation” are omitted as executed.

**§ 153707. Restrictions**

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

(b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or an officer or agent as such may not contribute to, support, or assist a political party or candidate for public office.

(c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, an officer or member during the life of the corporation or on its dissolution or final liquidation. This subsection does not prevent the payment of reasonable compensation to an officer or reimbursement for actual necessary expenses in amounts approved by the council of administration of the corporation.

(d) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan or advance to an officer or member of the corporation. Members of the council of administration who vote for or assent to making a loan or advance to an officer or member, and officers who participate in making the loan or advance, are jointly and severally liable to the corporation for the amount of the loan or advance until it is repaid.

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153707(a) .....	36:1013.	Sept. 7, 1962, Pub. L. 87–650, §§10, 11, 13, 76 Stat. 504, 505.
153707(b) .....	36:1011.	
153707(c) .....	36:1010(a).	
153707(d) .....	36:1010(b).	

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.

In subsection (d), the words “or advance” are added in 2 places for consistency in the subsection. In the first sentence, the words “or member” are added for consistency in the subsection.

**§ 153708. Principal office**

The principal office of the corporation shall be in Springfield, Illinois. However, the activities of the corporation are not confined to Springfield but may be conducted throughout the States of the United States and the District of Columbia.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
153708 .....	36:1009(a).	Sept. 7, 1962, Pub. L. 87–650, §9(a), 76 Stat. 504.