

**CHAPTER 1531—THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**

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**§ 153101. Organization**

The National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (in this chapter, the “corporation”) is a body corporate and politic in the District of Columbia.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
153101 .....	36:18 (words before “for patriotic”).	Feb. 20, 1896, ch. 23, §1 (words before “for patriotic”), 29 Stat. 8.

This section is substituted for the source provision for consistency in the revised title and to eliminate executed and unnecessary words.

**§ 153102. Purposes**

The purposes of the corporation are patriotic, historical, and educational, and include—

- (1) perpetuating the memory and spirit of the men and women who achieved American independence by—
  - (A) acquiring and protecting historical spots and erecting monuments;
  - (B) encouraging historical research in relation to the Revolution and publishing its results;
  - (C) preserving documents and relics and the records of the individual services of Revolutionary soldiers and patriots; and
  - (D) promoting celebrations of all patriotic anniversaries;
- (2) carrying out the injunction of Washington, in his farewell address to the American people, “to promote, as an object of primary importance, institutions for the general diffusion of knowledge,” thus developing an enlightened public opinion and affording to young and old such advantages as shall develop in them the largest capacity for performing the duties of American citizens;
- (3) cherishing, maintaining, and extending the institutions of American freedom;
- (4) fostering true patriotism and love of country; and
- (5) aiding in securing for mankind all the blessings of liberty.

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153102 .....	36:18 (words beginning with “for patriotic”).	Feb. 20, 1896, ch. 23, §1 (words beginning with “for patriotic”), 29 Stat. 8.

**§ 153103. Powers**

The corporation may—

- (1) adopt a constitution and bylaws;
- (2) adopt a seal; and
- (3) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as necessary or convenient to carry out its purposes.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
153103 .....	36:18a (1st sentence).	Feb. 20, 1896, ch. 23, §2 (1st sentence), 29 Stat. 9; Mar. 3, 1915, ch. 89, 38 Stat. 955; Feb. 5, 1926, ch. 11, 44 Stat. 4; July 30, 1951, ch. 255, 65 Stat. 130; Oct. 1, 1976, Pub. L. 94–443, §1, 90 Stat. 1475.

In clause (1), the words “not inconsistent with law” are omitted as unnecessary.

Clause (3) is substituted for “acquire by purchase, gift, devise, or bequest and to hold, convey, or otherwise dispose of such property, real or personal, as may be convenient or necessary for its lawful purposes” for consistency in the revised title and to eliminate unnecessary words.

**§ 153104. Exclusive right to name, seals, emblems, and badges**

The corporation and its subordinate divisions have the exclusive right to use the name “National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution”. The corporation has the exclusive right to use and to allow others to use seals, emblems, and badges the corporation adopts.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1423.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
153104 .....	36:18c.	Feb. 20, 1896, ch. 23, §4, as added Oct. 1, 1976, Pub. L. 94–443, §2, 90 Stat. 1475.

The word “sole” is omitted as included in “exclusive”. The words “the corporation adopts” are substituted for “as have heretofore been adopted or used by the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution” for consistency in the revised title.

**§ 153105. Principal office**

The corporation shall have its headquarters or principal office in the District of Columbia.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
153105 .....	36:18a (last sentence).	Feb. 20, 1896, ch. 23, §2 (last sentence), 29 Stat. 9; Mar. 3, 1915, ch. 89, 38 Stat. 955; Feb. 5, 1926, ch. 11, 44 Stat. 4; July 30, 1951, ch. 255, 65 Stat. 130; Oct. 1, 1976, Pub. L. 94–443, §1, 90 Stat. 1475.

**§ 153106. Deposit of historical material in Smithsonian Institution**

The Regents of the Smithsonian Institution may permit the corporation to deposit its col-