

(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.