and all laws and clauses of laws coming in conflict with the same are hereby repealed.

Ratified the 12th day of February, A. D. 1891.

CHAPTER 53.

An act to incorporate the State Volunteer Fire Association of North Carolina.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Body politic.

Section 1. That William M. Logan, Stephen J. Hawkins, John W. Patterson, Frank Milligan, John N. McDuffie, Elisha Gause, John Smith, D. W. McCain, Peyton H. Smith, Thomas B. Burghes, Lewis McMillan, William Croom, trustees, and their associates and successors in office, are created and constituted a body corporate under the name and style of "The State Volunteer Fire Association," and by such name may sue and be sued, and contract and be contracted with.

Corporate name. Corporate powers.

Corporate pow-

SEC. 2. That said corporation may pass all such by-laws not inconsistent with the laws of North Carolina as may be necessary for their government; may purchase, loan, hold and convey all such real estate as is necessary for carrying out the objects and purposes of the Volunteer Fire Association and for which it is incorporated.

Officers.

Sec. 3. That the officers of said association shall be a president, two vice-presidents, treasurer, secretary and an assistant secretary and a board of nine directors, five of whom shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and all of whom shall be elected annually by the members of the association at their annual meeting.

Annual meetings

Sec. 4. That the annual meeting of the association shall convene the second Wednesday in September, unless otherwise ordered by a majority of the members present at an annual meeting.

Perpetual succession. Sec. 5. That the members of the corporation shall have perpetual succession.

Sec. 6. That this act shall be in force from and and after its ratification.

Ratified the 12th day of February, A. D. 1891.