

politic and corporate, in fact and in law, by the name stated in such certificate.

Evidence of certificate, &c

41. A copy of such certificate, or of any amendments thereto, or of any paper relating to corporations, which is required by law to be recorded, when certified to be a true copy by the clerk of the court, in whose office the same is recorded, under the seal of his office, shall be evidence in all legal proceedings, and in all the courts of this state.

Alterations or amendments in charter.

42. If any alteration or amendment of the articles or provisions of the charter of any of said corporations, shall be made by the authority of the corporation, such alteration or amendment shall be made known, acknowledged and recorded in the same manner as prescribed in sections thirty-seven, thirty-eight and thirty-nine of this article; and after the said alteration or amendment shall be recorded, the same shall be taken to be a part of the said charter or instrument as if the same had originally been made a part thereof.

Fees to clerks.

43. The usual fees for equal or similar services shall be received by the respective clerks under this article, and all the expenses of procuring the charter of incorporation and recording the same, shall be borne by the parties respectively applying therefor, and the date and fact of recording shall be endorsed by the clerk on every original instrument.

To endorse date of recording.

Powers and general regulations

44. Every corporation incorporated under this article shall have the following powers and be subjected to the following general regulations, except in cases where the special provisions relating to any particular corporation are inconsistent with the said general regulations.

Succession.

45. Any such corporation shall have power—*First.* To have succession by its corporate name for the period prescribed by law or by the certificate evidencing its incorporation where the said certificate is in accordance with law.

Sue and be sued.

46. *Second.* To sue and be sued, complain and defend in any court of law or equity.

Seal.

47. *Third.* To make and use a common seal and alter the same at pleasure.