

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 57-20 of the Code of Virginia, relating to religious and charitable*
3 *matters; quantity of land benevolent and other associations may hold.*

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5 Approved

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6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

7 **1. That § 57-20 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 § 57-20. Quantity of land benevolent and other associations may hold.

9 *Except as otherwise provided in this section, the trustee for the use of any benevolent or other*
10 *association referred to in § 57-19 shall not hereafter take or hold, at one time, any land exceeding five*
11 *acres; and the trustees of two or more bodies or societies may hold jointly, land not exceeding five*
12 *acres; provided that the local governing body of any county or city may by ordinance authorize such*
13 *trustee or trustees to take and hold in such county or city not exceeding ten acres of land at any one*
14 *time. However, a school league may, in addition to the five acres held by such trustees, hold not*
15 *exceeding ten acres as a home for the principal of the school for which the league is named. All such*
16 *holdings heretofore acquired are validated; except holdings which are in litigation prior to or on July 1,*
17 *1964.*

18 *Any lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks or other groups organized for rural*
19 *community civic purposes or improvement of farm life or operations of like purposes and not for profit*
20 *may hold not exceeding thirty-five acres of land. All such holdings heretofore acquired are validated;*
21 *except holdings which are in litigation on or before July 1, 2002.*

22 *Any association or post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, Spanish War Veterans,*
23 *Disabled American Veterans or any similar association of veterans of the armed forces of the United*
24 *States chartered by an act of Congress may hold not exceeding seventy-five acres of land.*
25 *Notwithstanding any other provision of law conveyances of land made prior to June 29, 1948, to any*
26 *such post or association of veterans is validated provided the same is not in excess of seventy-five acres.*

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