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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS

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**Chapter 414.**

An act to incorporate the First Methodist Episcopal Society of Biddeford.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :*

SECT. 1. Horace Ford, Leonard Andrews, Daniel Pond, James Andrews, Robert Adams, Silas P. Adams, Stephen Locke, William K. Fogg, George W. Hatch, trustees of the First Methodist Episcopal Church in Biddeford, and their successors in office as trustees, together with the pew owners in said meeting-house, are hereby incorporated by the name of the First Methodist Episcopal Society of Biddeford.

Coporporators.

Name.

SECT. 2. Said corporation may take and hold real or personal property for the use of the First Methodist Episcopal Church in said Biddeford, and as such may appear and prosecute or defend in any court of record in this state.

May hold real and personal estate.

SECT. 3. Said corporation are hereby authorized to rebuild and enlarge their present church building on the site of the present church building if they shall so determine, and for that purpose may have the present church building or the pews thereof appraised by three disinterested persons not members of said church or society; and the value of each pew thus appraised shall be allowed to the owner of such pew or pews for any interest he or they shall purchase in the new church building; *provided*, said purchase shall be made within sixty days after notice that the pews are ready for sale, and such pew owners neglecting to appear and purchase shall have no further lien on said corporation, and when the said appraisal of the pews shall have been completed the corporation may then proceed to assess upon the pews according to that appraisal such sum or sums of money as in their judgment may seem necessary to pay the expenses of such repairs or rebuilding, and the sum so assessed may be collected and appropriated as the corporation shall provide and direct.

Authorized to rebuild and enlarge church.

Pews, appraisal of, &c.

Sale of pews, and notice.

Lien.

Expenses of repairs, and assessment for.

SECT. 4. Said corporation are hereby authorized, if they shall so determine, (after such appraisal shall have been made,) to sell or dispose of the present church building and lot, or any part thereof, as they shall determine, at any meeting called for that purpose, excepting the bell in the tower and the organ in the orchestra, which in case of the sale of said house and lot shall be reserved and not sold, and the money received from such sale shall be at the disposal of the corporation to aid in the building of a new church building for the use of the said Methodist Episcopal Church when and where said corporation may determine, and each pew owner shall be allowed to transfer his or her interest from the old to the new church building as provided for in section three of this act.

Authorized to sell church building and lot.

Organ and bell, reservation of.

Proceeds of sale, how applied.

May transfer interest to new church.

**CHAP. 415.**

Occupancy and control of church building, how vested.

SECT. 5. That when the rebuilding or improvements of said church building shall have been completed, the right of occupancy and the general control of the same shall be vested in a board of trustees, to be elected or chosen in accordance with the rules and discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

By-laws.

SECT. 6. Said corporation may at any regular meeting adopt such by-laws or rules as they may deem necessary for the government of said corporation, and to carry out fully and completely the purposes of this act of incorporation, and as such may elect any person or persons as members of said corporation.

First meeting, how called.

SECT. 7. Any three persons named in section one of this act are hereby authorized to call a meeting of said corporation, by posting a notice of said meeting on the outer door of said Methodist Episcopal Church building in said Biddeford, at least seven days prior to the time of holding said meeting, at which meeting said corporation may elect a president, secretary and treasurer by ballot, and such other officers as they may think necessary, which officers shall be sworn to a faithful performance of their respective duties.

President, secretary and treasurer, election of.

Meetings of corporation.

SECT. 8. All other meetings of said corporation may be called in such manner as said corporation may direct.

SECT. 9. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 3, 1870.

### Chapter 415.

An act to make valid the official doings of the persons elected as selectmen and as assessors of the town of Kennebunk, for the year eighteen hundred and sixty-three.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :*

Acts and official doings, made valid.

SECT. 1. The official acts of the persons elected as selectmen and as assessors, of the town of Kennebunk, at the annual town meeting held in said town in March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, during the year then next ensuing, are hereby confirmed and made valid, so far as they may be affected by the failure of either of such persons to be sworn, as provided by law.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 3, 1870.