

ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 349

S. P. 137

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Referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary Presented by Senator Joly of Kennebec.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Change of Name, Trustees, Power to Hold Property of the Maine Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. P. & S. L., 1827, c. CCCCXXXIX, § 2, amended. The last sentence of section 2 of chapter CCCCXXXIX of the private and special laws of 1827 is amended to read as follows:

And the said Trustees shall be capable of having, holding and taking in fee simple, by gift, grant, devise or otherwise, any lands, tenements, or other estate, real or personal Provided, That the net annual profits thereof shall not exceed six thousand dollars.

Sec. 2. P. & S. L., 1923, c. 1, § 2, amended. Section 2 of chapter 1 of the private and special laws of 1923, as amended by chapter 26 of the private and special laws of 1939, is further amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2. Corporators. Said corporation shall consist of nine persons called trustees, and D. Brainerd Holt, Albert E. Luce, Frank H. Hall, Albert E. Morris, Albert I. Oliver, Herbert L. Nichols, Charles F. Smith, Arthur A. Callaghan and Herbert S. Dow, and such persons as the Maine Conference of the United Methodist Church shall from time to time elect as their successors, are hereby constituted said corporation, provided, however, that the number of trustees hereafter shall be that number fixed by the Maine Conference of the United Methodist Church, a majority of whom shall constitute a quorum, but in the event a quorum is not present, those present are empowered to adjourn the meeting from time to time.

Sec. 3. Amendatory clause. Wherever in the statutes, either public or private and special, the words, "Methodist Episcopal Church" or "Methodist Church" appear, they are hereby amended to read "United Methodist Church."

Sec. 4. Repealer. All statutes, either public or private and special or resolves, inconsistent herewith are amended or repealed pro tanto.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is:

1. Provide for the number of trustees of the Maine Conference of the United Methodist Church;

- 2. Delete the limit of net annual profits; and
- 3. Change the name to United Methodist Church.