

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# FORTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE.

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SENATE.

No. 25.

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SIXTY-NINE.

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AN ACT to amend chapter twelve, section seventeen of the revised statutes.

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

SECTION 1. Section seventeen, chapter twelve of the 2 revised statutes, is hereby amended by inserting after 3 the word " church," in the first line, the words, " the 4 stewards of the Methodist Episcopal church," so that 5 said section, as amended, shall read as follows :

6 *Sect. 17.* The church wardens of Episcopal churches, 7 the stewards of the Methodist Episcopal church, and 8 the deacons of all other protestant churches, are so far 9 corporations as to take in succession, all grants and 10 donations of real and personal estate, made to their 11 churches or to them and their successors ; and if the 12 ministers, elders or vestry are joined with them in 13 such grants or donations, the two classes of officers 14 shall be corporations for that purpose.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect when approved  
2 by the governor.

STATE OF MAINE.

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IN SENATE, February 17, 1869.

Reported by Mr. SNELL from the Committee on Legal Reform,  
and printed under Joint Rule.

THOMAS P. CLEAVES, *Secretary.*