

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SIXTIETH LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 137.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to amend section nineteen of chapter twelve
of the revised statutes, relating to parishes and
religious societies.

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

Section nineteen of chapter twelve of the revised
2 statutes, is hereby amended by adding thereto the
3 following:

4 "Such corporations are also invested with the
5 power to organize as corporations, and to make
6 such contracts in relation to such estate, its im-
7 provement or disposition, as they may be author-
8 ized under the rules of their charter to make, or
9 instructed to make, by the church or society for
10 which they hold such estate in trust, which con-
11 tracts may be enforced by or against them as in

12 other cases; *provided, however,* that no disposition
13 of such estate shall be made inconsistent with the
14 terms of the grant by which it is held," so that
15 said section as amended shall read as follows:

16 *Sect. 19.* The church wardens of Episcopal
17 churches, the stewards or trustees of the Method-
18 ist Episcopal church, and the deacons of all other
19 Protestant churches, are so far corporations as to
20 take, in succession, all grants and donations of
21 real and personal estate made to their churches, or
22 to them and their successors; and if the ministers,
23 elders, or vestry are joined with them in such
24 grants or donations, the two classes of officers
25 shall be corporations for that purpose. Such cor-
26 porations are also invested with the power to or-
27 ganize as corporations, and to make such contracts
28 in relation to such estate, its improvement or dis-
29 position, as they may be authorized under the rules
30 of their churches to make, or be instructed to
31 make, by the church or society for which they
32 hold such estate in trust, which contracts may be
33 enforced by or against them as in other cases;
34 *provided, however,* that no disposition of such
35 estate shall be made inconsistent with the terms of
36 the grant by which it is held.

STATE OF MAINE.

In HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
March 2, 1881. }

Reported by Mr. EMERY, from Committee on Legal Affairs,
and ordered printed under Joint Rule.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*