

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Sixth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 138.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT relating to the property of Extinct or Disbanded
Congregational Churches or Societies.

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

SECTION 1. The Congregational Church Building
2 Society, a corporation duly organized and existing by and
3 under the laws of the state of New York, to promote the
4 erection of Congregational houses of worship and parson-
5 ages and other kindred objects, shall be and become
6 vested with the property and effects of any extinct or dis-
7 banded Congregational church, parish or society within
8 this State, in trust to apply the same to the maintenance
9 or erection of such houses of worship and parsonages
10 within this State, after paying the debts, if any, of such

11 disbanded church parish or society, and for these pur-
12 poses may sell and convert such property into money ;
13 *provided, however*, that in the sale and disposition of real
14 and personal estate so devolving on the said Congrega-
15 tional Church Building Society, its trustees and manag-
16 ing board shall be deemed, in respect to the right and
17 power of possession, control, disposal and conveyance,
18 the legal successors of such extinct corporation ; and in
19 the case of the sale of real property it may apply to any
20 court of record within the judicial district or county
21 where such real estate is situated, for the judicial order
22 required for the sale of real estate of religious corpora-
23 tions, and for leave to sell such land and premises so
24 devolving on them.

SECT. 2. The said Congregational Church Building
2 Society, in order to determine when any such church,
3 parish or society is extinct, is hereby empowered to call
4 a council of Congregational churches in the vicinage, of
5 not less than five churches, and the findings of such
6 council together with the decree of the court, shall be
7 their authority for procedure ; and the said Congrega-
8 tional Church Building Society shall elect as a commis-
9 sioner a resident of the State of Maine, who shall be their
10 legal representative in all matters involved in the above
11 named transactions. Before the sale of any property by
12 the said society under order of the court, notice of said
13 sale shall be published at least two weeks before the date

14 of sale in a paper of wide circulation in the vicinity of the
15 church.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 16, 1893. }

Reported by Mr. HIGGINS of Limerick, from Committee on Judiciary,
and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, Clerk.