

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 98

In Senate, Feb. 13, 1911.

Reported by Mr. Gowell from Committee on Judiciary and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. C. HANSON, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

AN ACT additional to an Act to Incorporate the General Conference of Free Baptists.

WHEREAS the General Conference of Free Baptists was incorporated by the Legislature of the State of Maine by an act approved on January 19th, 1891, for religious, missionary, educational and charitable purposes;

AND WHEREAS besides the other property of the said Corporation it was authorized to take and hold property conveyed to it by the Freewill Baptist Foreign Mission Society, the Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society, the Free Will Baptist Home Mission Society, and the Free Will Baptist Education Society;

AND WHEREAS the said General Conference of Free Baptists at its session held at Ocean Park, Maine, from July 13th to July 20th, 1910, voted to approve and did approve a basis of union of the Free Baptist denomination with the Baptist denomination in missionary and denominational activity;

and at the same time voted to authorize and empower and did authorize and empower its Conference Board, duly safeguarding all vested interests and sacred trusts, to transfer and deliver, at suitable times, the real and personal property of the General Conference of Free Baptists to the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (formerly the American Baptist Missionary Union), the American Baptist Home Mission Society, the American Baptist Publication Society, or the Northern Baptist Convention, to one or several of them, as the case may be, and to make and execute such deeds, conveyances, bargains, contracts, agreements, documents, papers and things as may be needful to carry out the meaning and intent of the Basis of Union in the co-operation of the two bodies, Baptist and Free Baptists, in missionary and other denominational work;

AND WHEREAS said transfer of property cannot be legally made by said General Conference of Free Baptists under the provisions of its Act of Incorporation,

NOW THEREFORE be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Section 1. The General Conference of Free Baptists, a
2 corporation created by the Legislature of the State of
3 Maine, by an act approved January 19th, 1891, is hereby
4 authorized and empowered to transfer and deliver from
5 time to time to each of the four corporations, to wit, the
6 American Baptists Foreign Mission Society, incorporated
7 in the State of Pennsylvania, the American Baptist Home

8 Mission Society, incorporated in the State of New York,
9 the American Baptist Publication Society, incorporated in
10 the State of Pennsylvania, and the Northern Baptist Con-
11 vention, incorporated in the State of New York, such part
12 or portion as to said General Conference of Free Baptists
13 may seem proper, of all the real and personal property
14 which the said General Conference of Free Baptists now
15 holds or which it may hereafter acquire or receive, it be-
16 ing the intent of this Act that all of said real and personal
17 property shall be so transferred and that said property shall
18 be held and used by the corporation to which it shall be
19 transferred and delivered, for religious, missionary, educa-
20 tional or charitable purposes.

Sect. 2. All gifts, bequests, devises and conveyances of
2 property heretofore or hereafter made to or received by said
3 General Conference of Free Baptists subject to any con-
4 dition, limitation or use shall be held and used by that one
5 of the said corporations to which it shall be transferred
6 or delivered, subject to such conditions, limitation or use.

Sect. 3. If said General Conference of Free Baptists
2 shall hold any property, gift, bequest or devise which for
3 any reason valid in law is not transferable, said General
4 Conference of Free Baptists shall continue to hold and
5 use said property, gift, bequest and devise for the purpose
6 designated in the making of the gift, bequest, devise or con-
7 veyance of property thus held.