

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 163

In Senate, March 3, 1911.

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

W. C. HANSON, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND ELEVEN.

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 Maine,
3 by an act approved January 19th, 1891, is hereby authorized
4 and empowered to transfer and deliver from time to time

5 to each of the four corporations, to wit, the American Bap-
6 tist Foreign Mission Society, incorporated in the State of
7 Pennsylvania, the American Baptist Home Mission Society,
8 incorporated in the State of New York, the American Bap-
9 tist Publication Society, incorporated in the State of Penn-
10 sylvania, and the Northern Baptist Convention, incorporated
11 in the State of New York, such part or portion as to said
12 General Conference of Free Baptists may seem proper, of
13 all the real and personal property which the said General
14 Conference of Free Baptists now holds or which it may
15 hereafter acquire or receive, it being the intent of this act
16 that all of said real and personal property shall be so trans-
17 ferred and that said property shall be held and used by the
18 corporation to which it shall be transferred and delivered,
19 for religious, missionary, educational or charitable purposes.

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

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