

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 263

House of Representatives, Feb. 18, 1915.

Ordered, That five hundred copies be printed and that the same be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Committee on Reference.

Presented by Mr. McCarty of Lewiston.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND FIFTEEN

AN ACT to change the name of the Maine Baptist Missionary Convention and to unite with it the Maine Baptist Education Society and the Maine Baptist Charitable Society.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Section 1. The name of the Maine Baptist Missionary
2 Convention is hereby changed to the United Baptist Con-
3 vention of Maine, and the members of the Maine Baptist
4 Education Society incorporated under the provisions of
5 chapter 349 of the private and special laws of 1846, ap-
6 proved July 20, 1846, and the members of the Maine Baptist
7 Charitable Society incorporated May 8, 1876, are hereby
8 constituted members of said United Baptist Convention of

9 Maine, and all property, powers, franchises and privileges
10 granted or acquired under the authority of the respective
11 acts incorporating or organizing either and all of said bodies
12 or organizations or otherwise, shall be held and enjoyed by
13 said United Baptist Convention of Maine in as full and
14 ample a manner as the same were held and enjoyed by
15 either and all of said original bodies corporate and organ-
16 izations.

Sect. 2. Said United Baptist Convention of Maine shall
2 be subject to all the duties and liabilities of all and each
3 of said original bodies, and the general laws of this state
4 to the same extent that said original bodies would have been
5 if this act had not been passed, and all the rights of each
6 and all of said bodies shall attach thereto.

Sect. 3. All acts of said United Baptist Convention of
2 Maine and of each of said corporations and bodies com-
3 posing the same, in whatever relates to the union thereof,
4 are hereby confirmed and rendered valid and effectual.

Sect. 4. The Maine Free Baptist Association, incorporated
2 under the provisions of chapter 448 of the private and spe-
3 cial laws of 1889, is hereby authorized and empowered to
4 transfer and deliver to the said United Baptist Convention
5 of Maine all its real and personal property and estate which
6 can properly and legally be administered by said United
7 Baptist Convention of Maine and all its powers, privileges,
8 rights and immunities, to be held and used by said United
9 Baptist Convention of Maine for the purposes for which

10 said property was used by said Maine Free Baptist Asso-
11 ciation.

Sect. 5. All the property held by the said Maine Free
2 Baptist Association, and all gifts, bequests, devises and con-
3 veyances of property heretofore made to said association,
4 or which may hereafter be made to it, which can properly
5 and legally be administered by said United Baptist Con-
6 vention of Maine, shall be held and used by the said United
7 Baptist Convention of Maine for the purposes designated
8 in the making of the several gifts, bequests, devises and
9 conveyances and shall be subject to all the conditions, limita-
10 tions and uses contained in the several gifts, bequests, de-
11 vises and conveyances to said association.

Sect. 6. If at the time of the transfer and delivery from
2 said Maine Free Baptist Association of its real and personal
3 property and estate to the said United Baptist Convention
4 of Maine, or at any other time, the said association shall
5 hold any property, gifts, bequests or devises, which are not
6 transferable, said association shall continue to hold and use
7 all property thus held for the purposes designated in making
8 of the gifts, bequests, devises and conveyances of property
9 thus held.

Sect. 7. Said United Baptist Convention of Maine shall
2 provide in its constitution that all those persons who are
3 members of the Maine Free Baptist Association, shall be
4 members of said United Baptist Convention of Maine.

Sect. 8. Said United Baptist Convention of Maine is

2 hereby made capable in law of receiving any grants or de-
3 vises of land as tenants in fee simple or for a less estate
4 and also any donations or bequests in money or other per-
5 sonal estate which may have been made or which may here-
6 after be made by any person or persons whatever to either
7 of said corporations or bodies by its original name or other-
8 wise, prior to a time when this act shall take effect, and to
9 use and improve the same for the uses and purposes of this
10 corporation. And each of said corporations is authorized
11 and empowered to convey and deliver all and every of its
12 property to said United Baptist Convention of Maine.

Sect. 9. Said corporation is authorized to take, hold, re-
2 ceive and possess real or personal estate to an amount not
3 exceeding one million dollars upon a full valuation.

Sect. 10. All acts and parts of acts of incorporation or
2 amendments inconsistent with the provisions of this act are
3 hereby repealed.

Sect. 11. All of the corporations and organizations to be
2 united shall continue their present organizations until this
3 act shall have been accepted by each at a legal meeting. If
4 so accepted the first meeting of the new corporation shall
5 be held at the meeting house of the First Baptist church in
6 Waterville on the seventh (7) day of October in the year
7 of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifteen at
8 10.30 o'clock in the forenoon, at which meeting the presi-
9 dent and secretary of the Maine Baptist Missionary Con-
10 vention shall officiate as president and secretary of the new

11 corporation until a president and secretary shall be chosen
12 in their stead, after which the new corporation may choose
13 all other proper officers and exercise all the powers con-
14 ferred upon it by law and this act.