

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 135

House of Representatives, Feb. 7, 1917.

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W. R. ROIX, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to make valid the organization and records of the
Fourth Congregational (Abyssinian) Church of Portland,
and to authorize said corporation to convey certain real
estate.

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

Section 1. The organization of the Fourth Congregational
2 (Abyssinian) Church of Portland as a corporation under the
3 laws of said state, is hereby declared to be valid, and Joseph
4 C. Fisher of the city of Portland is declared to be the clerk
5 of said corporation, and Ruth Eastman is declared to be the
6 treasurer thereof; and Lucy A. Heuston, Caroline Spencer,

7 Louise Palmer, Ruth Eastman and Joseph C. Fisher are
8 declared to be the present members of said corporation.

Sect. 2. The record of all votes passed prior to the pas-
2 sage of this act, are hereby made valid and legal records, and
3 the same shall be evidence of the votes therein recorded.

Sect. 3. Said Joseph C. Fisher as the clerk of said corpor-
2 ation, is hereby authorized to call a meeting of the members
3 thereof to be held in the city of Portland on such date after
4 the approval of this act as he may designate, of which meet-
5 ing seven days' public notice shall be given, by publishing
6 such notice in one of the daily newspapers published in said
7 city.

At such meeting the members of said corporation are
2 authorized and empowered to pass the necessary votes to
3 authorize the sale and conveyance of the real estate now
4 belonging to said Fourth Congregational (Abyssinian)
5 Church of Portland.

The deed to be executed by said corporation shall refer to
2 this act, and before its delivery shall be approved by some
3 officer duly authorized by the Congregational Conference
4 and Missionary Society of Maine; and such deed when so
5 approved and executed by said Fourth Congregational
6 (Abyssinian) Church, shall be legal and valid, and operate to
7 convey the interest of said corporation in said real estate.

Sect. 4. The consideration received from the sale of such
2 real estate, shall be paid to The Congregational Conference
3 and Missionary Society of Maine, and after repaying itself

4 for the moneys hereto advanced on behalf of said Fourth.
5 Congregational (Abyssinian) Church of Portland, the
6 balance thereof shall be held by said The Congregational
7 Conference and Missionary Society of Maine, and known as
8 the "Abyssinian Fund," and the same shall be so invested
9 that it will always be subject to identification.

The income of such fund may be used by said The Congre-
2 gational Conference and Missionary Society of Maine in
3 carrying out its general work; but accurate accounts of such
4 income shall be kept, so that the amount thereof may, at any
5 time, be definitely determined; and in the event that said
6 Fourth Congregational (Abyssinian) Church shall, at any
7 time hereafter, become so far revived, as in the judgment of
8 said The Congregational Conference and Missionary
9 Society of Maine to be capable of receiving and using said
10 fund, for the purposes for which it was originally donated to
11 said church, then said The Congregational Conference and
12 Missionary Society of Maine shall be authorized to pay such
13 part of the principal, or the income of said fund, over to
14 said church, as it deems proper at said time.

Said The Congregational Conference and Missionary
2 Society of Maine is also authorized to pay the whole or any
3 part of the income or principal of said fund, toward the
4 erection, repair or alteration of any church building for
5 colored people in the city of Portland, or for the support of
6 any church, or for religious work among the people of that
7 race in said city, if, in the judgment of the directors of said

8 The Congregational Conference and Missionary Society of
9 Maine, such course shall, at any time, be deemed wise and
10 proper.