

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE  
HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVEN

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AN ACT Relating to the Property of Extinct or Disbanded  
Congregational Churches, Parishes or Societies.

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

Sec. 1. Chapter four hundred forty-seven of the private  
2 and special laws of the year one thousand eight hundred and  
3 ninety-three is hereby amended by striking out the whole of  
4 section one of said chapter and inserting in place thereof  
5 the following, so that said section as amended shall read as  
6 follows:

'Sec. 1. The Congregational Conference and Missionary  
2 Society of Maine, a corporation duly organized and existing  
3 under the laws of the State of Maine, shall be and become  
4 vested with the property and effects of any extinct or dis-

5 banded Congregational church, parish or society within this  
6 state in trust to apply the same to paying the debts, if any,  
7 of such extinct or disbanded church, parish or society and  
8 to use any surplus for the purposes and objects of said The  
9 Congregational Conference and Missionary Society of Maine,  
10 and may sell and convert such property and effects into  
11 money; provided, however, that in the sale and disposition  
12 of property so devolving on said The Congregational Confer-  
13 ence and Missionary Society of Maine said society shall be  
14 deemed in respect to the right and power of possession,  
15 control, disposal and conveyance, the legal successor of such  
16 extinct or disbanded Congregational church, parish or  
17 society; and in the case of sale of such property said The  
18 Congregational Conference and Missionary Society of Maine  
19 shall apply to the Supreme Judicial Court in Equity within  
20 the county where such property is situated for a judicial  
21 decree authorizing the sale thereof, and after such notice of  
22 said application as the Court may direct, such decree shall  
23 be authority for making such sale.'

Sec. 2. Said chapter is further amended by striking out  
2 the whole of section two of said chapter, and inserting in  
3 place thereof the following:

'Sec. 2. The Congregational Conference and Missionary  
2 Society of Maine, in order to determine when any such  
3 Congregational church, parish or society is extinct or  
4 disbanded, shall call a council of the local Association of  
5 Congregational churches in which said church, parish or

6 society is situated, and the finding of such council, together  
7 with the decree of the court, shall be its authority for  
8 proceeding to make such sale. Before the sale of any  
9 property as hereinabove provided, notice of said sale shall  
10 be published at least two weeks before the date of sale in a  
11 paper of wide circulation in the vicinity of the property  
12 formerly used by such extinct or disbanded church, parish  
13 or society; and the decree of the court shall be recorded in  
14 the Registry of Deeds for the County or Counties in which  
15 said property is situated.'