

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

House Document

No. 124

H. P. 413 House of Representatives, January 31, 1929.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Jackson of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

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

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

Section 1. The United Baptist Convention of Maine, a
2 corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of
3 the state of Maine, shall be and become vested with the
4 property and effects of any extinct or disbanded Baptist or
5 Free Baptist church, parish or society within this state in
6 trust to apply the same to paying the debts, if any, of such
7 extinct or disbanded church, parish or society and to use
8 any surplus for the purposes and objects of said The United

9 Baptist Convention of Maine, and may sell and convert such
10 property and effects into money; provided, however, that
11 in the sale and disposition of property so devolving on said
12 The United Baptist Convention of Maine said society shall
13 be deemed in respect to the right and power of possession,
14 control, disposal and conveyance, the legal successor of
15 such extinct or disbanded Baptist or Free Baptist Church,
16 parish or society; and in the case of sale of such property
17 said The United Baptist Convention of Maine shall apply
18 to the supreme judicial court in equity within the county
19 where such property is situated for a judicial decree au-
20 thorizing the sale thereof, and after such notice of said
21 application as the court may direct, such decree shall be
22 authority for making such sale.

Sect. 2. The United Baptist Convention of Maine, in or-
2 der to determine when any such Baptist or Free Baptist
3 church, parish or society is extinct or disbanded, shall call
4 a council of the local association of Baptist or Free Bap-
5 tist churches in which said church, parish or society is sit-
6 uated, and the finding of such council, together with the
7 decree of the court, shall be its authority for proceeding
8 to make such sale. Before the sale of any property as here-
9 inabove provided, notice of said sale shall be published at
10 least two weeks before the date of sale in a paper of wide
11 circulation in the vicinity of the property formerly used
12 by such extinct or disbanded church, parish or society; and
13 the decree of the court shall be recorded in the registry of

14 deeds for the county or counties in which said property is
15 situated.