

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 584 House of Representatives, Feb. 19, 1931.

Reported by Mr. Varney from Committee on Judiciary and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

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

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

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

Section 1. The Maine Universalist Convention, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the state of Maine, shall be and become vested with the property and effects of any extinct or disbanded Universalist church, parish or society within this state in trust to apply the same to pay the debts, if any, of such extinct or disbanded church, parish or society, and to use any surplus for the purposes and obligations of the Maine Universalist Convention, and may sell and convert such property and effects into money; provided, however, that in the sale and disposition of property so devolving on the said Maine Universalist Convention, the said convention may be deemed in respect to the right and power of possession, control, disposal and conveyance, and legal successor of such extinct or disbanded Universalist church, parish or society; and in the case of sale of such property said Maine Universalist Convention shall apply to the superior or the supreme judicial court in equity within the county where such property is situated for a judicial decree authorizing the sale thereof, and after such notice of said application as the court may direct, such decree shall be authority for making such sale.

Sec. 2. A finding by the executive committee of the Maine Universalist Convention to the effect that no church service has been held under the auspices of such church, parish or society during a period of two years or that such church, parish or society is extinct or disbanded, shall be a pre-requisite for the taking of possession by such convention through its duly authorized officers of the property of such church, parish or society, and for the bringing of the court proceedings, hereinbefore described.

Sec. 3. Before the sale of any property as hereinbefore provided, notice of such sale shall be published at least two weeks before the date of sale. The decree of court authorizing the sale of such property shall be recorded in the registry of deeds for the county or counties in which the property is situated.