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LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

PASSED BY THE LEGISLATURE,

AT ITS SESSION, WHICH COMMENCED ON WEDNESDAY, THE
THIRTY-FIRST DAY OF MAY, AND ENDED ON THE
TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY OF JUNE, A. D. 1820.

TO WHICH IS PREFIXED,

THE

CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE.

Published agreeably to a Resolution of June 23, 1820.

PORTLAND :

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1820.

CHAPTER VIII.

AN additional ACT respecting the first Baptist Society in Portland.

Persons may become or cease to be members by giving notice.

SECT. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled,* That any persons belonging to the town of Portland, desirous to become members of the first Baptist Society in Portland, by giving notice thereof in writing to the Clerk of the Parish or Society they intend to leave, seven days at least before the annual meeting thereof, and being accepted by said first Baptist Society, shall from and after such acceptance, be members of the same. And any person may cease to become a member of said Society, by giving notice in writing to the Clerk of the same in manner aforesaid. *Provided, however,* That in both the cases aforesaid, such persons shall be holden to pay all taxes lawfully assessed on their polls and estates at the time of their joining or leaving said Society.

To have the same powers as other religious societies in Portland.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That all the powers and privileges given to the other religious Societies and proprietors of meeting houses in Portland by an Act passed on the fourteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine, shall be and they hereby are extended to the first Baptist Society in Portland, and to the Proprietors of the Meeting-House by them occupied.

Doings of the society confirmed.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That the transactions of said Society while acting as a voluntary association under the style of the first Baptist Church and Society in Portland, so far as the same are not repugnant to law, be and they hereby are confirmed and held valid and effectual to all intents and purposes whatever.

Part of former act repealed.

SECT. 4. *Be it further enacted,* That the second and third sections of an Act entitled "An Act incorporating the first Baptist Society in Portland," be and they are hereby repealed.

SECT. 5. *Be it further enacted,* That said Society may make any by-laws for the management of their affairs: *Provided,* The same are not contrary to the laws of this State.

June 17, 1820—Approved,

WILLIAM KING.