

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# PRIVATE ACTS

OF THE

# STATE OF MAINE,

PASSED BY THE

**FOURTH LEGISLATURE,**

AT ITS SESSION, HELD IN JANUARY, 1824.

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the faithful discharge of their duty, and liable to pay all damages occasioned by their misconduct or negligence, to be recovered by said society by action of the case in any Court proper to try the same ; and the debt or damage so recovered shall be added to the said fund.

Restrictions. SECT. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That the powers granted by this act may be enlarged, restrained, or repealed at the pleasure of the Legislature.

first meeting. SECT. 6. *Be it further enacted*, That Stephen Garvin be, and he is hereby authorized to call the first meeting of the corporation, at such time and place as he may direct, by notifying each Trustee of the time and place of meeting.

[*This Act passed February 6, 1824.*]

## CHAPTER CCXLIX.

AN ACT incorporating the Proprietors of the Free Meeting House in Georgetown.

Persons incorporated. SECT. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled*, That John Swett, Benjamin Riggs, Michael Fisher, Alexander Campbell and William Heal, their associates and successors, proprietors of the Free Meeting House in Georgetown, and the lot of land on which the same is erected, be, and they hereby are constituted a body politic and corporate by the name of the Proprietors of the Free Meeting House in Georgetown ; and by that name may prosecute and defend suits at law ; and may have a common seal, and may alter the same ; to make any by-laws necessary and convenient for the management of their affairs, not repugnant to the laws of the State.

Powers and privileges.

Officers to be chosen by proprietors. SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That the proprietors aforesaid shall have power to choose a Clerk, Treasurer, Collector, Assessors, and all such other officers as may be necessary, and may remove them, or any of them, and fill vacancies when occasion may require ; and also to raise money for the purpose of defraying the necessary expenses which have

already occurred, or which may hereafter be necessary for repairing and completing said house; and all money so raised, shall, by said assessors, be assessed on the several proprietors of pews in said house according to the first estimated value of said pews; and the property of said proprietors shall be held to pay all taxes so assessed in the same manner as it would be held to pay state, county and other taxes; and said collector is hereby empowered to collect all taxes committed to him for that purpose by the assessors in the same manner as state, county and town taxes are collected, and to observe the same rules and directions as are by law provided in such cases.

Proprietors may raise money to defray their expenses, &c.

how assessed & collected.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That all doings of said proprietors in the erection of said meeting-house, be, and they are hereby confirmed and made valid in law, so far as they are not repugnant to the laws of the State.

Former doings of proprietors confirmed.

SECT. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That no person belonging to said corporation shall be entitled to vote in any meeting of said proprietors, unless his share in said meeting house shall be of the value of ten dollars, at least, in the first estimated cost thereof.

Restriction as to voting.

SECT. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That the said John Swett be, and he is hereby empowered to call the first meeting of said proprietors, by posting up a notification thereof at the outer door of said meeting house, seven days at least, previous to the time appointed for said meeting.

First meeting.

SECT. 6. *Be it further enacted*, That the powers granted by this Act may be enlarged, restrained or annulled, at the pleasure of the Legislature.

Restrictions.

[*This Act passed February 9, 1824.*]