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# ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

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## STATE OF MAINE

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**Chapter 313.**

An Act to legalize and revive the organization and to make valid the meetings of the First Congregational Parish in Old Town.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :*

SECT. 1. The congregational parish in Old Town organized on July first, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-four, under the name of the First Parish in Old Town, is hereby created and declared to be a body corporate under the name of the First Congregational Parish in Old Town ; and Asa Davis, Hiram Smith, John N. Stowe, John H. Morrison and such other persons as may be declared or admitted to be members thereof at the meeting provided for in section two of this act, are hereby made and declared to be members of said parish.

Organization, revived.

Corporate name.

SECT. 2. The records of said parish which are respectively signed as such by William S. Prichard as secretary of the organization meeting thereof, and by William S. Prichard, J. K. Miller, S. G. Butman, G. D. Stowe, J. A. Purinton and C. A. Bailey as clerks, are hereby made legal records of the meetings whereof they purport to record the doings ; and all said meetings are hereby made and declared to be legal meetings of said parish, and the doings and votes at said meetings to have all such effect and validity as they would have if done and passed at a legal meeting thereof, notwithstanding any errors or defects in the proceedings for calling, notifying or organizing any of said meetings, or any failure to make, return or record a certificate of the giving of notice thereof. No failure on the part of any officer acting or elected as such, at any of said meetings to take the oath of his office shall affect the validity of acts done by him in his official capacity.

Records, made legal.

SECT. 3. A meeting of said parish may be called by John H. Morrison or John N. Stowe by posting a notice therefor, duly signed by him, stating the time, place and purposes of said meeting, upon the outer door of the meeting house of said parish, to wit, the building known as the Congregational meeting house on the corner of Brunswick and Centre streets in said Old Town, and also in one other public place in the city of Old Town, at least three weeks before the time therein fixed for said meeting, and publishing said notice in a newspaper published in said city ; and at said meeting said parish

Meeting, how called.

—may elect officers, adopt by-laws, etc.

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may declare and admit members of said parish, elect officers thereof, adopt by-laws, and act upon all other lawful matters properly specified in said notice.

Fund in trust, for benefit of society, may be paid to trustee.

SECT. 4. The money constituting the fund bequeathed in trust for the benefit of the Congregational society in Old Town by the will of Mary A. Estabrooks, is hereby authorized to be paid by the executor of said will or by the trustee having any part or the whole thereof in his hands to a trustee or trustees for said parish, who shall be duly appointed therefor by the judge of probate for the county of Penobscot; and said trustee or trustees shall give proper official bond to said judge, and shall administer such trust in accordance with the provisions of said will.

Trustee shall give bond.

Approved March 27, 1895.

### Chapter 314.

An Act to amend chapter six hundred and thirteen of the Private and Special Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-three, entitled "An Act to establish the Western Hancock Municipal Court."

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:*

Sec. 3, ch. 613, Private and Special Laws of 1893, amended.

SECT. 1. Section three of chapter six hundred and thirteen of the private and special laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-three is hereby amended, so as to read as follows:

Appointment of recorder.

SECT. 3. The governor, by and with the consent of the council, shall appoint a recorder of said court, who shall be an inhabitant of the county of Hancock, and shall hold his said office for the term of four years. Said recorder shall be sworn to the faithful discharge of his duties and shall keep the records of said court when requested so to do by said judge; and in case of absence of said judge from the court room, or when the office of judge shall be vacant, the said recorder shall have and exercise all the powers of the judge, and perform all the duties required of said judge by this act, and shall be empowered to sign and issue all papers and processes, in criminal cases, and to do all acts relating to criminal proceedings as fully and with the same effect as the judge could do if he were acting in the premises; and the signature of the recorder, as such, shall be sufficient evidence of his right to act instead of the judge.

—in absence of judge, recorder shall act.