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STATE OF MAINE

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CHAP. 136**Chapter 136.**

An Act additional to an Act to incorporate the General Conference of Free Baptists.

Preamble.

Whereas, the general conference of Free Baptists was incorporated by the legislature of the state of Maine by an act approved on January nineteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-one, for religious, missionary, educational and charitable purposes;

And whereas besides the other property of the said corporation it was authorized to take and hold property conveyed to it by the Freewill Baptist Foreign Mission Society, the Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society, the Freewill Baptist Home Mission Society, and the Freewill Baptist Education Society;

And whereas the said general conference of Free Baptists at its session held at Ocean Park, Maine, from July thirteenth to July twentieth, nineteen hundred and ten, voted to approve and did approve a basis of union of the Free Baptist denomination with the Baptist denomination in missionary and denominational activity; and at the same time voted to authorize and empower and did authorize and empower its conference board, duly safeguarding all vested interests and sacred trusts, to transfer and deliver, at suitable times, the real and personal property of the general conference of Free Baptists to the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (formerly the American Baptist Missionary Union), the American Baptist Home Mission Society, the American Baptist Publication Society, or the Northern Baptist Convention, to one or several of them, as the case may be, and to make and execute such deeds, conveyances, bargains, contracts, agreements, documents, papers and things as may be needful to carry out the meaning and intent of the basis of union in the co-operation of the two bodies, Baptist and Free Baptist, in missionary and other denominational work;

And whereas said transfer of property cannot be legally made by said general conference of Free Baptists under the provisions of its act of incorporation.

Now, therefore, be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Corporation authorized to transfer all of its property, real and personal.

Section 1. The general conference of Free Baptists, a corporation created by the legislature of the state of Maine, by an act approved January nineteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-one, is hereby authorized and empowered to transfer and deliver from time to time to each of the four corporations.

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to wit, the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, incorporated in the state of Pennsylvania, the American Baptist Home Mission Society, incorporated in the state of New York, the American Baptist Publication Society, incorporated in the state of Pennsylvania, and the Northern Baptist Convention, incorporated in the state of New York, such part or portion as to said general conference of Free Baptists may seem proper, of all the real and personal property which the said general conference of Free Baptists now holds or which it may hereafter acquire or receive, it being the intent of this act that all of said real and personal property shall be so transferred and that said property shall be held and used by the corporation to which it shall be transferred and delivered, for religious, missionary, educational or charitable purposes.

Section 2. All gifts, bequests, devises and conveyances of property heretofore or hereafter made to or received by said general conference of Free Baptists subject to any condition, limitation or use shall be held and used by that one of the said corporations to which it shall be transferred or delivered, subject to such condition, limitation or use.

Gifts, bequests, and devises, etc.

Section 3. If said general conference of Free Baptists shall hold any property, gift, bequest or devise which for any reason valid in law is not transferable, said general conference of Free Baptists shall continue to hold and use said property, gift, bequest and devise for the purpose designated in the making of the gift, bequest, devise or conveyance of property thus held.

Property not transferable, how held.

Approved March 17, 1911.

Chapter 137.

An Act regulating the use of Rights and Locations in Public Streets.

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

Section 1. No corporation granted a right or location in the streets of Augusta shall abandon or discontinue the use of a portion of said location without the consent of the municipal officers.

Location not to be abandoned without consent of municipal officers.

Section 2. Any part of a location granted as in section one of this act which has been discontinued or abandoned without the consent of the municipal officers shall forthwith be resumed and restored to the use for which such location was granted upon order of the municipal officers.

Location abandoned shall be restored to use.