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Chapter 256.**CHAP. 256**

An Act to Amend Section Nineteen of Chapter Sixteen of the Revised Statutes, so as to Create the Trustees of the Local Methodist Episcopal Churches a Corporation.

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

Section nineteen of chapter sixteen of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended by adding at the end of said section the words: 'Trustees of the local Methodist Episcopal churches are created a corporation with all the rights and privileges of corporations, subject to the restrictions contained in the book of discipline of the Methodist Episcopal church,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Section 19. The church wardens of Episcopal churches, the stewards or trustees of the Methodist Episcopal church, and the deacons of all other Protestant churches, are so far corporations as to take, in succession, all grants and gifts of real and personal estate made to their churches, or to them and their successors; and if the ministers, elders or vestrymen are joined with them in such grants or gifts, the two classes of officers shall be corporations for that purpose. For the purpose of organizing any such corporations, one or more members of said corporation may call a meeting thereof by a notice posted upon the outer door of the meeting-house or place of public worship of their parish or society at least seven days before the time of holding such meeting; or, if there is no such meeting-house or place of public worship, by a notice posted in two public and conspicuous places in the town wherein said parish or society is located. At such meeting the corporation may organize, adopt a corporate name, and elect such officers as its by-laws shall prescribe. Said corporations shall have the powers granted to parishes by section three of this chapter, and may make such contracts in relation to such estate, its improvement or disposal, as they may be authorized under the rules of their church, or instructed by the church or society for which they hold such estate in trust, to make, which contracts may be enforced by or against them, as in other cases; provided, however, that no disposal of such estate shall be made, inconsistent with the terms of the grant by which it is held. Trustees of the local Methodist Episcopal churches are created a corporation with all the rights and privileges of corporations, subject to the restrictions contained in the book of discipline of the Methodist Episcopal church.'

Ch. 16, Sec. 19, R. S., amended.

—additional.

Officers of churches are corporations for certain purposes.

—how corporations shall organize.

—may make contracts.

—proviso.

Methodist Episcopal church corporations restricted by their book of discipline.