

tion for which they are respectively chosen, and to manage the estate, property, interest and inheritance of the same.

89. The trustees so elected shall have perpetual succession by their name of incorporation, and shall be capable in law to purchase, take and hold, to them and their successors, in fee or for a less estate, any lands, tenements or hereditaments, rents or annuities, goods or chattels within this State, by the gift, bargain, sale or devise of any person, body politic or corporate, capable of making the same, and to use or lease, mortgage or sell, and convey the same in such manner as they may judge most conducive to the interests of their respective churches, societies or corporations; *Provided*, that nothing herein shall authorize any sale, mortgage or other disposition of any property held by such corporation under any instrument prohibiting such sale, and provided the clear yearly value of the estate of any church, society or congregation (exclusive of the rents of pews, collections in churches, funeral charges, and the like) shall not exceed the clear yearly value of two thousand dollars.

90. Every such body politic shall be chosen, and the succession kept up, at such times and places as are ordinarily used for public meetings of the said church, society or congregation, and by such persons as are allowed to have a voice in the management and direction of congregational or temporal concerns, according to the known custom and usage of their respective denominations; or the said body politic or corporate shall be chosen, and the succession kept up, according to the rules, regulations and practice that may have been heretofore adopted and agreed upon, or that shall be at the first time of electing agreed upon and adopted by any particular church, society or congregation, for directing or managing their congregational or temporal affairs.

91. Every trustee or member of any corporation aforesaid shall be of the same religious sect or denomination with the church, society or corporation by which he is chosen.

92. The minister for the time being, or senior minister, where there are more than one settled in any church, society or congregation, shall always, in virtue of his ministry, be a member of the body politic or corporate belonging to the same, exclusive of the number heretofore prescribed.