

of their respective churches, societies, or congregations ; *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 income from 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 yearly sum of twenty thousand dollars.

*Proviso*  
Sale, etc., of  
property.

Yearly income.

**159.** 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.

Id s 158  
Succession.

**160.** 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.

Id s 160  
Minister to be  
a member of the  
body politic  
22 Md 167.

**161.** If any contest shall arise in any church, society, or congregation, about the right of voting, or whether the election has been fairly conducted, agreeably to the true intent and meaning of this article, the parties contending shall each of them choose one discreet and reputable person from amongst the members or trustees of some neighboring congregation or society of the same religious persuasion, if any such there be, and if none such, then of any other religious society, which two persons shall choose a third, qualified in like manner, and the said three persons shall meet at the place where the difference has arisen, and hear and determine upon the matter, and their judgment or award of a majority of them, certified under their hands and seals to the contending parties shall be final.

Id s 161  
Right to vote  
and election.

Award  
Plan or agree-  
ment.

**162.** At the first election or appointment of every body politic or corporate, aforesaid, every church, society, or corporation assembled as already directed, shall determine on their plan, agreement, or regulation, specifying distinctly the time and manner of electing trustees, and the manner in which the succession shall be perpetuated, and containing an exact description of the qualifications of the persons severally electing and elected, and to elect and be elected thereafter, and also the name, style, or title of the corporation, by which it shall thereafter be known, and the name of the church, society, or congregation choosing the same.

Id s 162  
Qualifications.  
46 Md 359

Name of  
corporation.