

gation, 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 in section 205.

1868, ch. 471, sec. 161.

209. 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, or the judgment or award of a majority of them, certified under their hands and seals to the contending parties, shall be final.

Ibid. sec. 162.

210. 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 to 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.

Boyce v. Trustees, 46 Md. 372.

Ibid. sec. 163.

211. The said plan, agreement or regulation shall be entered in the book hereinafter required by section 214 to be kept by every such corporation, and the same shall be acknowledged by the trustees, or a majority of them, before, and certified by two justices of the peace of the county or city in which the said church, congregation or society, or the greatest number of the members