

(3) A duly certified copy of any of the foregoing instruments from the records of the State Tax Commission or the Clerk of the Circuit or Superior Court shall be evidenced of the existence of the corporation and of its right to exercise the powers therein mentioned, or of the amendment or amendments provided therein, as the case may be. The recording by the State Tax Commission of any such instrument shall be conclusive evidence of the payment of the recording fee required by law to be paid to it, except in a direct proceeding by the State.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That Section 291A of Article 23 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1947 Supp.) be and the same is hereby re-numbered as Section 291B and repealed and re-enacted with amendments to read as follows:

291B. In order to carry out the purpose and spirit of Sections 33 and 48 of Article III of the Constitution of Maryland and in order to prevent the enactment of special laws, amending the charters of religious corporations heretofore incorporated by the special Act, no bill shall hereafter be introduced at the General Assembly of Maryland for the purpose of amending the charter of any such religious corporation. Every such corporation, desiring to amend or change its charter, shall adopt articles of amendment and deliver the same for record to the State Tax Commission in accordance with the provisions of Sections 283 or 289, and 291A of this Article.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1949.

Approved April 22, 1949.

CHAPTER 279

(Senate Bill 420)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 149 of Article 10 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Dorchester County," sub-title "County Commissioners and Treasurer," sub-heading "Board of Estimates," as said section was amended by Chapter 730 of the Acts of 1943, providing for the inclusion in appropriations a levy each year of a working fund.