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CHAPTER 197.

Passed March 3, 1842. *An act to incorporate the German Reformed, and Evangelical Lutheran Congregations of St. Paul's Church, at Utica Mills, Frederick County.*

Preamble WHEREAS, application has been made to this General Assembly for an act incorporation in behalf of the German Reformed and Evangelical Lutheran Congregations of Saint Paul's Church, at Utica Mills, in Frederick county, which may enable them to manage with convenience their temporal concerns.

Persons incorporated. SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Jacob Craner, Daniel Snook, Henry Stim- mell, Ehe Cranor of the German Reform Congregation, and Jacob Wachter, Valentine Bowersox and William Hill, of the Evangelical Lutheran Congregation and their suc- cessors, to be elected agreeable to the rules and regulations of said church or churches, shall be and are hereby created and declared a body politic and corporate, by the name, Name and style. in Frederick county, and by that name shall be able to sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded in any court of law or equity in this State or elsewhere, and to make and have a common seal, and the same to break, alter; or renew at their pleasure, and also to ordain and establish such by laws and ordinances as shall appear necessary for the regulating the temporal concerns of said church.

Rights vested in body corporate. SEC. 2. And be it enacted, That all the lands and tenements with their appurtenances now vested in said trustees for the use of said church, shall be and they are hereby absolutely and unconditionally vested in the said body corporate and their successors, and the said corporation shall be, and they are hereby declared to be capable of bargaining and selling, leasing and conveying any part of the said property or any other property which may hereafter be acquired by the said corporation in as full and effectual a manner as any person, or body corporate may, or can do.

Corporate powers. SEC. 3. And be it enacted, That all acts or deeds of the said corporation, shall be signed by the elders and deacons of said church, in behalf of the corporation, and sealed with their corporate seal; and all deeds by them for the conveyance of any lands and tenements of the corporation, which by the law of the land ought to be acknowledged and recorded, shall be signed and sealed as aforesaid, and shall also be acknowledged in due forms by the elders and deacons as such, in behalf of the corporation, and all acts or deeds of the said body corporate so authenticated shall be valid and effective in law.

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