

or congregation being twenty-one years of age, may and shall meet at such place, as such be appointed by the corporation, some time during the month of October, eighteen hundred and forty-three, and some time during each and every succeeding October, whereof due notice shall be given by the president of the said corporation for the time being at the said church, and then and there, they or so many as may attend, shall elect by ballot, not less than five, nor more than thirteen members of the said church or congregation, and in the event of a failure by the members of said church as aforesaid, to elect the said committee as contemplated by this act, then, and in that case, the members last elected, shall continue to be and constitute the said corporation, until they shall be superseded by the election of a new committee.

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SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That in the case of the death or resignation of any lay member of the said body corporate, the remaining members, or a majority of them, shall have full power and authority at their next, or any subsequent meeting to elect another person in his place.

Members may fill vacancies.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That at all meetings of the said corporation, the minister for the time being, shall be the president, and in case of the absence, removal or death of the minister, the lay-members of the said corporation, may appoint one of their own members *pro tempore*, who during such absence, or in the case of removal or death, until the appointment of another minister, shall have all the authority and privileges of a president.

Minister, to be President.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That all the lands and tenements with their appurtenances now vested in trustees for the use of the said church, and all other property of the said church, shall be, and are hereby absolutely and unconditionally vested in the said body corporate and their successors forever, and the said corporation with the consent and approbation of two-thirds of the members thereof, shall and they are hereby declared to be capable of bargaining and selling, leasing and conveying any parts of the said property, or any other property which may be acquired by the said corporation, in as full and effectual a manner as any person or body corporate may or can do.

Property to vest body corporate.

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted*, That the president shall nominate and appoint three persons to be the judges of each and every election that shall or may be held for the electing of lay-members of the said corporation, and that such nomination and appointment shall be made a reasonable time before such election.

President to appoint judges.

SEC. 7. *And be it enacted*, That all acts or deeds of the said corporation shall be signed by the president in behalf

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