

tion under and in virtue of the act of the general assembly of Maryland, of December session eighteen hundred and two, chapter one hundred and eleven, and the several supplements thereto, under the name of the trustees of the Deer Creek Harmony Church, and chose and appointed Benjamin Silver, jun'r. William F. Bagles, Henry W. Archer, John H. Price, and William Maxwell, the trustees thereof, who in that capacity have acquired property for the use and benefit of the congregation of said church, and that the said proceedings have not been in all respects regular and in conformity with the provisions of said act; AND WHEREAS application has been made to this general assembly to confirm and make valid the said proceedings and to incorporate the said trustees—Therefore,

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Sec. 1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the proceedings of said congregation bearing date the twenty-fourth day of January eighteen hundred and thirty-nine, and duly acknowledged and recorded in Harford county court, in Liber. H. D. number twenty-two, folio one hundred and thirty-two, be, and the same are hereby made valid to all intents and purposes, as if the same had been in strict conformity with the provisions of said act of assembly; and that the said trustees in said proceedings named together with the minister of said church for the time being, in virtue of his ministry, be and they are hereby constituted a body corporate by the name and style of the "Trustees of the Deer Creek Harmony Church," and that they and their successors forever, to be appointed as hereinafter provided, shall have and enjoy all the powers, rights and privileges in and by the said act of eighteen hundred and two, chapter one hundred and eleven, and the several supplements thereto conferred upon and granted to trustees and bodies corporate, created and chosen under and according to the provisions of said act.

Made valid.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the trustees aforesaid and their successors, or a majority of them, shall call a meeting of the members of said church over twenty-one years of age, on the first Monday of June, in every year, at their usual place of meeting, for the purpose of electing by ballot, five suitable persons to act as trustees of the said church for the next ensuing year, and in the event of the failure of such election, the said trustees herein before named, and those who shall be appointed their successors, shall be entitled to continue in and hold their office until a new election shall be made, and they, or a majority of them, shall have power to fill all vacancies that may occur in their own body, until a new election shall take place.

Trustees to call meeting.