

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.

263. Same—Acknowledgment and delivery of copy to Department.

The plan, agreement or regulation, so acknowledged [], together with a copy thereof, shall be delivered for record by the said trustees to the State Tax Commission in the manner and with the effect provided in Section 269 of this article. *shall be included as part of the articles of incorporation of any such corporation, together with a designation in such certificate of the political subdivision of this State in which its principal place of worship is located, the mailing address of its principal place of worship and the designation of the name and address of the resident agent of said corporation, who shall be a citizen of the State of Maryland and shall actually reside therein. Said articles of incorporation shall be delivered for record by the said trustees to the Department in the manner and with the effect provided in Section 269 of this Article.*

264. Same—Amendment.

Every such plan, agreement or regulation, heretofore or hereafter determined upon in the manner provided for in Section 261 of this article, may be amended from time to time and in the manner following:

(4) Delivery of articles of amendment to [State Tax Commission] Department.—Such articles of amendment, [together with a copy thereof,] shall be delivered for record by the trustees to the [State Tax Commission] Department in the manner and with the effect provided in Section 269 of this article.

268. Validation of defectively organized corporation and validation where plan not properly filed or kept.

If any church or congregation organized or incorporated as a religious corporation since the year eighteen hundred under any law of this State hath failed or omitted within the time prescribed by said law to file in the proper office for record the agreement, plan or certificate of incorporation adopted by the said church or congregation and if the said agreement, plan or certificate of incorporation hath heretofore, though after the time prescribed by said law, been filed for record in the proper office, then, in such case, the said agreement, plan or certificate of incorporation having been so filed for record shall be effective for creating and making the said church or congregation a proper and lawful religious body corporate, and the same is hereby made a religious body corporate, at, from and after the date of the said agreement, plan or certificate of incorporation, in all respects, and to all intents and purposes, as if the said agreement, plan or certificate of incorporation had been duly filed for record within the time prescribed by such law, and the failure to file the agreement, plan or certificate of incorporation shall in nowise affect the validity or effect of the said church or congregation as a valid and lawful religious body corporate, and all the proceedings, acts and transactions carried on, done and performed in the name or under the authority of such agreement, plan