

otherwise regulating its temporal affairs and all subject to a certain qualification.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Sections 274A to 297, inclusive, of Article 23 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1966 Replacement Volume and 1972 Supplement), title "Corporations", subtitle "III. Particular Classes of Corporations", heading "Religious Corporations", subheading "Protestant Episcopal Church--Diocese of Maryland" be and they are hereby repealed, and a new Section 275 is hereby enacted in lieu thereof to read as follows:

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH--DIOCESE OF MARYLAND

275.

(A) APPLICATION OF GENERAL RELIGIOUS INCORPORATION ACT TO ALL NEW AND ALL EXISTING PARISHES AND SEPARATE CONGREGATIONS OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE DIOCESE OF MARYLAND, EXCEPT THOSE WITH IRREPEALABLE CHARTERS. FROM AND AFTER JULY 1, 1973, THE PROVISIONS OF THE "GENERAL RELIGIOUS INCORPORATION ACT" (THE ACTS OF 1802, CHAPTER 111, AS FROM TIME TO TIME AMENDED, AND CODIFIED IN SECTIONS 256 TO 274, INCLUSIVE, UNDER THE HEADING "RELIGIOUS CORPORATIONS" OF THIS TITLE) SHALL GOVERN THE CORPORATE AND TEMPORAL AFFAIRS OF ALL PARISHES AND SEPARATE CONGREGATIONS OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE DIOCESE OF MARYLAND THEREAFTER OR THERETOFORE INCORPORATED, INCLUDING THOSE INCORPORATED UNDER THE ACTS OF 1798, CHAPTER 24, AS FROM TIME TO TIME AMENDED (COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE "VESTRY ACT"), AND THOSE INCORPORATED BY SPECIAL ACT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, EXCEPTING ONLY THOSE PARISHES AND SEPARATE CONGREGATIONS, IF ANY, WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN INCORPORATED PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE CONSTITUTION OF 1851 AND WHICH MAY, THEREFORE, HAVE IRREPEALABLE CHARTERS. THOSE PARISHES AND SEPARATE CONGREGATIONS WITH IRREPEALABLE CHARTERS SHALL CONTINUE TO BE GOVERNED BY THE STATUTE UNDER WHICH THEY WERE ORIGINALLY INCORPORATED UNLESS AND UNTIL THEY ACCEPT, USE, ENJOY, OR IN ANY WAY AVAIL THEMSELVES OF ANY RIGHTS, PRIVILEGES, OR ADVANTAGES GRANTED OR CONFERRED BY ANY STATUTE ENACTED SINCE NOVEMBER 3, 1891.

(B) DESIGNATION OF DIOCESE OF MARYLAND. THE PARISHES AND SEPARATE CONGREGATIONS IN THE DIOCESE OF MARYLAND SHALL BE DEEMED TO INCLUDE ALL THOSE IN UNION WITH AND THOSE INTENDING TO APPLY FOR UNION WITH THE CONVENTION OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE DIOCESE OF MARYLAND AS CREATED BY THE ACTS OF 1840, CHAPTER 67, AS FROM TIME TO TIME AMENDED. THEY SHALL BE SUBJECT AT ALL TIMES TO THE ORGANIZATION, GOVERNMENT, AND DISCIPLINE OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES AND TO THE CONSTITUTION AND CANONS OF THAT CHURCH AND OF THE CONVENTION OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE DIOCESE OF MARYLAND.