

(C) "TRUSTEES" TO BE DESIGNATED "VESTRYMEN." THE "TRUSTEES" SPECIFIED IN THE GENERAL RELIGIOUS INCORPORATION ACT, WITH RESPECT TO PARISHES AND SEPARATE CONGREGATIONS GOVERNED BY THIS SECTION 275, SHALL BE STYLED "VESTRYMEN."

(D) POWER TO ADOPT BY-LAWS; CHARTER AMENDMENTS NOT REQUIRED TO COMPLY HERewith. EACH PARISH AND SEPARATE CONGREGATION SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION MAY ADOPT BY-LAWS GOVERNING ITS CORPORATE AND TEMPORAL AFFAIRS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE QUALIFICATION OF ITS VOTERS AT CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MINIMUM VOTING AGE, WHICH MAY NOT BE LESS THAN SIXTEEN. THE BY-LAWS MAY BE ADOPTED AT ANY REGULAR OR SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING CALLED FOR THAT PURPOSE IF APPROVED BY A MAJORITY OF THE QUALIFIED VOTERS VOTING ON THE QUESTION. IN ALL OTHER RESPECTS NOT INCONSISTENT WITH THIS SECTION, THE PROVISIONS OF THE GENERAL RELIGIOUS INCORPORATION ACT SHALL REGULATE THE CORPORATE AND TEMPORAL AFFAIRS OF THESE PARISHES AND SEPARATE CONGREGATIONS, AND, TO THE EXTENT NOT PROHIBITED BY THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, THE CHARTERS OF ALL THESE PARISHES AND SEPARATE CONGREGATIONS SHALL BE DEEMED TO HAVE BEEN AMENDED HEREBY TO CONFORM HERewith. ANY SUCH PARISH OR SEPARATE CONGREGATION, HOWEVER, AT ITS OPTION AND FROM TIME TO TIME MAY FILE WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENTS AND TAXATION APPROPRIATE ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 264 OF THE GENERAL RELIGIOUS INCORPORATION ACT.

(E) PARISH BOUNDARIES. NOTHING IN THIS SECTION AFFECTS THE GEOGRAPHICAL BOUNDARIES OF PARISHES (AS DISTINGUISHED FROM SEPARATE CONGREGATIONS NOT HAVING PRESCRIBED GEOGRAPHICAL BOUNDARIES) WITHIN THE DIOCESE OF MARYLAND EXISTING ON JULY 1, 1973. NO PARISH MAY BE SUBDIVIDED INTO A NEW PARISH OR ADDED, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, TO AN EXISTING PARISH UNLESS APPROVED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE VESTRY OF VESTRIES OF THE PARISH OR PARISHES AFFECTED BY THE SUBDIVISION OR ADDITION. (F) THE CORPORATE EXISTENCE AND THE RIGHTS, POWERS AND PRIVILEGES OF PARISHES AND SEPARATE CONGREGATIONS WITHIN THE DIOCESE OF MARYLAND INCORPORATED UNDER THE VESTRY ACT OR BY SPECIAL ACT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY PRIOR TO JULY 1, 1973, SHALL IN NO WISE BE DIMINISHED OR IMPAIRED BY THIS SECTION 275.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That nothing herein contained has any application to parishes and separate congregations within the Diocese of Easton or the Diocese of Washington of the Protestant Episcopal Church within the State of Maryland.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That The captions and section headings in this Act are for purposes of convenience and identification only, and shall not be deemed a part of the text.