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(A) (1) EACH RELIGIOUS CORPORATION SUBJECT TO THIS PART SHALL ADOPT BYLAWS TO GOVERN ITS CORPORATE AND TEMPORAL AFFAIRS.

(2) BYLAWS MAY BE ADOPTED BY A MAJORITY OF THE QUALIFIED VOTERS VOTING AT A REGULAR OR SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING CALLED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

(B) EACH RELIGIOUS CORPORATION SUBJECT TO THIS PART IS SUBJECT AT ALL TIMES TO THE CONSTITUTION AND CANONS OF THE CONVENTION OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE DIOCESE OF EASTON AND OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Chapter(s) 97 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1976, as amended by Chapter(s) 318 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1990, be repealed.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That since the vestries previously incorporated under the provisions of the original Vestry Act have not been required to file and record a certificate of incorporation, and the vestries of any separate congregation, after union with the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Easton, have not been required to file and record a supplemental certificate signifying that union, the State Department of Assessments and Taxation, or its successor administrative body, may file and record a certificate, similar in every respect to the certificate required by § 5-304(b) of the Corporations and Associations Article, on the request of:

(1) any parish or separate congregation offering its own certificate for record; or

(2) the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Easton on behalf of any parish or separate congregation that neglects or declines for any reason to offer it own certificate for record, in which event the certificate may be made and signed by the secretary of the Convention instead of the vestry of the parish or separate congregation.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the legal existence of the following parishes and separate congregations in union with the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Easton as bodies corporate is recognized and acknowledged for all purposes: The Vestry of All Hallows Parish, The Vestry of Augustine Parish, The Vestry of Chester Parish, The Vestry of Christ Church Parish-Kent Island, The Vestry of Coventry Parish, The Vestry of Dorchester Parish, The Vestry of East New Market Parish, The Vestry of Great Choptank Parish, The Vestry of Holy Trinity Church-Oxford, The Vestry of I.U. Parish, The Vestry of Miles River Parish; The Vestry of North Elk Parish, The Vestry of North Kent Parish, The Vestry of North Ocean City Parish, The Vestry of North Sassafras Parish, The Vestry of Pocomoke Parish, The Vestry of Quantico Parish, The Vestry of Saint Alban's Parish, The Vestry of Saint Andrew's Church-Hurlock, The Vestry of Saint John's Church-Cornersville, The Vestry of Saint Luke's Parish, The Vestry of Saint Mary's White Chapel Parish, The Vestry of Saint Michael's Parish, The Vestry of Saint Paul's