

Sec. 2. All acts and parts of laws inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 5, 1913.

CHAPTER 41—S. F. No. 381.

An Act to repeal Chapter 115, General Laws of 1883, entitled "An Act authorizing the purchase of Webster's Unabridged Dictionaries."

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. **Chap. 115, G. L. 1883, repealed.**—That Chapter 115 of the General Laws of 1883 be and the same is hereby repealed.

Approved March 5, 1913.

CHAPTER 42—S. F. No. 213.

An Act to amend Sections 3157 and 3159 of the Revised Laws of Minnesota, 1905, relating to the consolidation of religious corporations.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. **Consolidation of religious corporations.**—That Section 3157 of Revised Statutes be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"Sec. 3157. How consolidated.—Any two or more incorporated churches, congregations or religious societies () may consolidate and reorganize as a single church, congregation or society by complying with the provisions of law for the formation of such church, congregation or society contained in this subdivision."

Sec. 2. **Fifteen days' notice to be given—Name to be adopted by congregation—Classification and election of trustees—Vacancies—Chairman and secretary to prepare certificate of consolidation.**—That Section 3159 be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"Sec. 3159. Organization—Powers of new corporation.—*After the adoption of such resolution by said several churches, congregations or societies, notice shall be given stating the time and place of the meeting of the united congregation of all said churches, congregations or societies by posting the same at the*

place where each society stately meets for worship at least fifteen days prior to such meeting, and the minister or some other officer of each society shall give public notice of said meeting at the usual Sabbath service at least one week before the meeting. The notice for such meeting shall be signed by the clerk of the board of trustees of each church, or by some other person authorized by such board to sign the same. At the meeting of the united congregation held pursuant to said notice, a name shall be adopted for the new corporation and the meeting shall fix the qualifications for trustees and the number of trustees of the new corporation, which shall be not less than three or more than twelve, and a new board of trustees shall be elected by a majority vote of all the members present.

The board of trustees shall be divided into three classes, one class shall be elected and hold office until the next annual meeting of the congregation, one class until the second annual meeting of the congregation, and one class until the third annual meeting of the congregation. Thereafter, the terms of office of the trustees shall be three years and until their successors are elected and qualified. In case a vacancy shall occur in the board of trustees, at the next meeting of the congregation a successor shall be elected to fill the unexpired term caused by such vacancy.

After said meeting the chairman and secretary shall make a certificate in the form and manner prescribed by Section 3133 of the Revised Statutes, and such certificate, together with proof by affidavit of the giving of proper notice of the meeting, and the affidavits provided for in Section 3158 of the Revised Statutes, shall be recorded in the office of the register of deeds of the county where the place of worship of said consolidated society is located, and thereupon such churches, congregations or societies shall be merged into a new corporation under the name specified in the certificate and the new corporation shall have the rights, powers and privileges and shall be liable for all the obligations of the several corporations so consolidated and all of the property of every kind and nature of the original corporation shall vest in the new corporation."

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 5, 1913.