

## CHAPTER 18.

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION NINETY (90) OF TITLE NUMBERED FOUR (4) OF SECTION NUMBERED THIRTY-FOUR (34) OF THE GENERAL STATUTES OF MINNESOTA, AS AMENDED BY CHAPTER NUMBER TWO (2) OF THE GENERAL LAWS OF A. D. ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-NINE (1879), RELATING TO RELIGIOUS CORPORATIONS.

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

SECTION 1. That section one (1) of an act entitled, "An act to amend section ninety (90), title four (4), of chapter thirty-four (34), of the General Statutes relating to Religious Corporations, being chapter two (2) of the General Laws, approved March tenth (10th), A. D. one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine (1879), be and the same is hereby amended by striking out all of [the] said act after the word "following," in the fifth (5th) line of section one (1) of said act, and inserting the following, in lieu thereof, viz: Whenever and as often as it may be deemed advisable, or desired by the bishop of any religious denomination within the State of Minnesota, to have created or organized any religious corporation within this State, for the purpose and with the powers hereinafter specified, he shall associate with him the vicar general of the diocese to which he, such bishop, belongs, and the pastor of such denomination of the parish wherein any such corporation is to be located, and the said bishop, vicar general and pastor, or a majority thereof, shall thereupon select or designate and associate with them two (2) lay members of any such denomination, and the said five (5) persons upon adopting and signing in duplicate, under their hands and seals, duly acknowledged articles of incorporations, reciting the fact of the association and selection of such laymen as aforesaid, and containing the name, general purpose and place of location of such corporation, and having one of said articles recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the county within which the place of location of any such corporation is situated, and the other filed in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of Minnesota, and their successors shall thereupon become a body corporate, with all the rights, powers and privileges of other religious corporations constituted under this chapter, together with the powers and privileges in this act enumerated, and shall be capable of suing and being sued, holding, purchasing and receiving title by devise, gift, grant, or other conveyance, of and to any property, real or personal, with power to mortgage sell or convey the same, or any part thereof, and may adopt and establish by laws, and make all rules and regulations necessary or expedient for the management of its affairs in accordance with

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May acquire real and personal property

law. The persons who may hold the offices respectively, of bishop and vicar general, of such denomination, together with the pastor of such denomination of the parish where such corporation is located, being the pastor who shall subscribe said articles and his successors in said office of pastor, forever, shall, by virtue of their respective offices, each of them always be members of said corporation, and no person who shall subscribe said articles as bishop, vicar general or pastor, and no successor in office of any such person, shall continue to be a member of any such corporation after he or they shall have ceased to hold such office respectively. The two (2) laymen thus selected, and the persons who may be chosen as their successors as hereinafter provided, shall constitute the other members of said corporation. The two (2) laymen so designated in such articles of incorporation, shall remain members thereof for the term of two (2) years from the date of such articles, and until their successors are chosen in their place, respectively, and the term of office of any lay corporator shall be for the term of two (2) years from the time of his appointment and until his successor is chosen in his place. The laymen thus to serve as corporators shall always be chosen by said other three (3) corporators, viz: By the bishop, vicar general and pastor, or by any two (2) of them, and said three (3) last named corporators shall have power at all times, whenever a vacancy shall occur in said membership as to either of said lay corporators, and as often as any such vacancy shall for any cause occur, whether by the expiration of the time of holding, by resignation, death, or otherwise, to fill any such vacancy, every such appointment to be in writing and entered of record in the minutes of the corporation. Any lay corporator may at any time resign his office of corporator and cease to be a member of said corporation; such resignation and acceptance to be always entered on the minutes of said corporation. Should there be at any time a vacancy in the office of bishop of said diocese, or should there be for any reason at any time a person other than the bishop appointed in his stead, to administer the spiritual and temporal affairs of said diocese therefor, or during the time of such vacancy, or such suspension of the authority of the bishop, the administrator of said diocese or such other person as may be appointed according to the rules of said denomination to preside over and administer the spiritual and temporal affairs of said diocese, shall, while he is such administrator or appointee be a member of said corporation with all the powers as such corporator that are by this act vested in such bishop, and in his place and stead; but his membership shall at once cease whenever such vacancy in the office of bishop shall be filled, or such bishop shall be no longer incapacitated to act by reason of such suspension of his authority.

Term of office of laymen, and how chosen.

Any layman may resign.

Vacancy in clerical officiancy.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved November 3, 1881.