

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

Approved March 2d, 1887.

CHAPTER 133.

[S. F. No. 517.]

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CONSOLIDATION OF RELIGIOUS CORPORATIONS.

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

SECTION 1. Any two or more churches, congregations or religious societies now organized and incorporated, or which may hereafter be organized or incorporated, and who employ the same minister or pastor, may consolidate, reorganize and become a body corporate, as one church, congregation or religious society, by complying with the provisions of the laws of this state, in regard to the incorporation of religious societies, and the further provisions of this act.

Consolidation of religious societies.

SEC. 2. Before any action is had for that purpose, a resolution authorizing such consolidation and reorganization shall be adopted by at least two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) of the members present and voting, at a meeting of each of said churches, congregations or societies, called for that purpose, notice of the time, place and object of which meeting shall be given four (4) successive sabbaths, on which such society stately meets for public-worship, immediately preceding the time specified for such meeting; and proof of the fact of such notice, meeting and resolution may be made by affidavit of one of the trustees or any of the members of the society cognizant of the facts. Such affidavit shall be recorded with the certificate or articles of incorporation of such consolidated church, congregation or society, when the same shall be recorded in the office of the register of deeds of the county where said consolidated church, congregation or society has its place of public worship, or in the office of the secretary of state, or in both of said offices, as the case may be.

Notice to be given.

SEC. 3. After the adoption of such resolution or resolutions, and before such consolidation and reorganization shall take effect, said several churches, congregations or societies shall for at least eight (8) sabbaths worship together as one congregation, church or society, proof of which fact

may be made in like manner provided for proving the resolution mentioned in section two (2) hereof.

Body corporate

SEC. 4. Said churches or religious societies when consolidated, reorganized or incorporated as herein provided shall forever thereafter be known as a body corporate by the name and style adopted and mentioned in the new certificate or articles of incorporation; and shall have and exercise the same powers as other religious corporations may now have and exercise according to the mode and manner of incorporation adopted; and shall succeed to and retain, own, hold and enjoy all the property, real and personal of said several corporations as originally organized, to the same extent and in the same manner as if such reorganization had taken the same by purchase, *Provided*, That nothing herein contained shall operate to dissolve said original corporations until said new corporation or reorganization shall be fully perfected.

When act to take effect.

SEC. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved Feb. 25th, 1887.

CHAPTER 134.

[H. F. No. 896.]

AN ACT RELATING TO RELIGIOUS SOCIETIES.

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

Legalizing religious corporations.

SECTION 1. Any church, congregation, or religious society which hertofore may have attempted to become incorporated under any of the laws of this state, but which, for informality or other cause, is not now legally incorporated, is hereby incorporated, and invested as such church, congregation, or society, with all the rights, privileges and immunities now enjoyed by religious corporations, under the general laws of this state.

When act to take effect.

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

Approved March 7, 1887.