

CHAPTER 223.

[H. F. No. 205]

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION TWO HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SIX (226) OF CHAPTER THIRTY-FOUR (34) OF THE GENERAL STATUTES OF ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-EIGHT (1878), RELATING TO THE SALE OF LAND BY RELIGIOUS CORPORATIONS.

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

Sale of land by
religious
corporations.

SECTION 1. That section two hundred and twenty-six (226) of chapter thirty-four (34) of the general statutes of one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight (1878) be and the same is hereby amended by inserting after the words, "such meeting," in the tenth line thereof, the following: "and when any religious society ceases to have stated meetings for public worship, or for any cause is unable to give notice, as above provided, of the time and place of the meeting of such society, the said corporation is hereby authorized to make such sale, conveyance or incumbrance by and through its trustees, upon being authorized so to do by a resolution of such society passed at a meeting thereof; notice of the time, place and object of which shall be given by said trustees by posting a notice thereof, at least ten (10) days before said meeting, in three (3) of the most public places in the town, village or city in which said society holds or has held its meetings."

When not to
take effect.

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

Approved March 7, 1889.

CHAPTER 224.

[H. F. No. 200.]

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE THREE (3) OF CHAPTER THIRTY-FOUR (34) OF THE GENERAL STATUTES OF ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-EIGHT (1878), RELATING TO CORPORATIONS OTHER THAN THOSE FOR PECUNIARY PROFIT.

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

SECTION 1. That title three (3) of chapter thirty-four of the general statutes of one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight (1878) be and is hereby amended by adding thereto the following:

SEC. 2. The Minnesota State Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, heretofore incorporated, shall be and remain a body corporate under the name of "The Minnesota Society for Prevention of Cruelty," with all the powers, privileges immunities and duties heretofore possessed by said Minnesota State Society for the Prevention of Cruelty, or hereinafter specified as to county associations, and may appoint any person in any county in this state where there is no such active association, to represent the state society, and to receive and account for all funds coming to the society from fines or otherwise, and may also appoint agents at large to prosecute the work of said society throughout the state. The objects of said societies and all societies hereafter organized under sections three (3) and four (4) hereof, shall be the inculcation of humane principles, and to secure the enforcement of laws for the prevention of cruelty, especially to children and animals; to promote which object the said societies may respectively acquire property, real or personal, by purchase or gift. The said society, and all societies hereafter organized under sections three (3) and four (4) hereof, may appoint agents for the purpose of prosecuting any person guilty of any act of cruelty to animals or children; the agents of said societies, whose appointment has been approved as hereinafter provided, shall have power to arrest any person found violating any law for the protection of persons or animals, or the prevention of cruelty thereto, and upon making such arrests shall forthwith convey the person arrested before some court or magistrate having jurisdiction of the offense, and there make complaint against such person, but said agent shall not be authorized to make such arrests unless their appointment has been approved by the probate judge of the county in which they have been appointed, and the said probate judge shall keep a record of all such appointments. Such arrest can be made only in the county in which such appointment and approval has been made as aforesaid. Branches of the said state society, consisting of not less than ten (10) members, may be organized in any part of the state, to prosecute the work of the society in their several localities, under rules and regulations prescribed by the said society. Societies for the prevention of acts of cruelty to animals or children organized in any county under sections three (3) and four (4), hereof, may become branches of said society by resolution adopted at a meeting thereof called for that purpose, a copy of which resolution shall be forwarded to the secretary of state.

SEC. 3. Societies for the prevention of cruelty to animals or children may be organized in any county, by the association of not less than seven (7) persons, and the members thereof shall, at a meeting called for that purpose, elect not less than three (3) of their members directors,

The Minnesota Society for Prevention of Cruelty, powers, privileges and duties.

Societies may be organized in any county.

who shall continue in office until their successors are duly chosen.

Secretary shall keep record and forward to secretary of state.

SEC. 4. The secretary or clerk of the meeting shall make a true record of the proceedings thereat, which he shall certify and forward to the secretary of state, who shall record the same; the record shall contain the name by which such association shall have determined to be known, and from and after the filing of the same the association shall be invested with the powers, privileges and immunities incident to incorporated companies, with power to sue and be sued by its corporate name, and to have a common seal, which may be attested at pleasure; and a copy of the record, duly certified by the secretary of state, shall be deemed and taken in all courts and places in this state as evidence that such association is a duly organized and incorporated body.

Officers, rules and regulations.

SEC. 5. Such associations may elect such officers, and make such rules, regulations and by-laws as may be deemed necessary or expedient by their members for their own government, and the proper management of their affairs.

Authorized to hold real estate.

SEC. 6. Any association formed under the provisions of this act, in addition to the other powers granted by law, is authorized to acquire by purchase, gift, grant or devise, and to hold, use or convey any real estate or personal property, whatever, and may lease, mortgage, sell or use the same in any other manner considered by such corporation most conducive to the interests of such corporation, or to the same extent as natural persons.

Duties of members in cases of cruelty to animals.

SEC. 7. A member of any such association may require and it shall be the duty of any sheriff, deputy sheriff, constable or police officer, or the agent of any such association or of the said state society, to arrest any person found violating the laws in relation to cruelty to persons or animals, and to take possession of any animal cruelly treated in their respective counties, cities or villages, and deliver the same to the proper officers of such association; and for such service and for all services rendered in carrying out the provisions of this act, such officers, and the officers and agents of the association shall be allowed and paid such fees as they are allowed for like services in other cases, which shall be charged as costs, and reimbursed to the association by the person convicted.

SEC. 8. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

When act to take effect.

SEC. 9. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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