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CHAPTER 98.

Religious societies. Transfer of property.

*An act to provide for the vesting and transfer of the property of religious societies referred to in section 3038 of the General Statutes of 1894 when such societies have ceased or may cease to exist or to maintain an organization.*

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

When existence ceases.

SECTION 1. When the religious society referred to in section 3038 of the General Statutes of 1894 has ceased or shall cease to exist or to maintain its organization, the property, real and personal, remaining shall vest in, and be transferred in the manner hereinafter provided: to the incorporated annual conference, presbytery, diocese, diocesan council, association or other incorporated governing or supervisory body, of the same religious denomination within the bounds or jurisdiction of which such society was located, or with which it was affiliated; it being intended that said property shall vest in and be transferred to the next higher governing or supervisory incorporated body of the same religious denomination by whatever name such body may be known.

Hearing before district court.

SEC. 2. Upon application to the district court of the county where such society was located by any member of the body in which said property is to vest as aforesaid, said court shall appoint a time for hearing the application, and notice shall be given of said hearing by publishing the same for three successive weeks once in each week in a newspaper published in said county, and by posting the same in a conspicuous place upon the real property, if any, for at least twenty days prior to the hearing. The court may also in its discretion direct any further or additional notice to be given. If, upon the hearing it appears that a proper case exists therefor under the provisions of section one of this act, the court shall direct and adjudge that a transfer of said property be made, and shall appoint a trustee who shall make conveyance thereof. Affidavits of the notice aforesaid may be filed in said proceeding, and they shall be evidence in all actions and proceedings in the courts of this state.

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