

The commission shall also have the care and control of all engines, boilers, machinery, elevators and all mechanical and electrical appliances of every nature in said building. It shall cause all of the occupied portions of said building to be properly heated, lighted, cleaned and kept in repair for public use, with full authority to appoint any and all employes necessary to properly perform the duties hereby devolved upon such commission, with authority to fix the compensation of such employes and to remove any thereof at pleasure.

Nothing herein contained shall be construed to interfere in any manner with the powers and duties of the court house and city hall commission engaged in completing and furnishing said building.

Approved April 17, 1937.

CHAPTER 252—S. F. No. 781

An act to amend Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Sections 7965 and 7966, relating to religious corporations.

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

Section 1. **Law amended.**—That Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 7965, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"7965. **Certificate to be recorded—powers of trustee.**—Such certificate, together with the certificate of acknowledgment and a copy of the notice of meeting and affidavit of the posting thereof, shall be recorded with the register of deeds of the county where the place of worship of such society is located, and thereafter such trustees and their successors shall be a body corporate by the name expressed in such certificate. Such trustees may have a common seal and alter the same at pleasure. They may take possession of all temporalities of such church, congregation, or society, real and personal, given, granted, or devised, directly or indirectly, to such body or to any other person for their use. They may sue and be sued in their corporate name, recover and hold all debts, demands, rights and privileges, all churches, buildings, burial places, and all the estate and appurtenances belonging to such church, congregation or society, however acquired or by whomsoever held, as fully as though originally vested in them. *They may hold, purchase and receive title, by gift, grant, devise or bequest, of and to any property, real or personal, without limitation as to amount, for any of the purposes authorized or approved by the congregation or society, as hereinafter provided, with power to mortgage, sell, convey, demise, lease and improve the same.*

Provided, however, that this act shall apply to all religious corporations formed under the Revised Statutes of the Territory of Minnesota 1851, Chapter 36, and acts amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto. Provided, further, that the acquisition, retention and use prior to the passage of this act by any such religious corporations, of any property, real or personal, for any or all of the purposes specified herein, is hereby declared legal, valid and effectual for all purposes. Provided, further, that the provisions of this act shall not apply to any action or proceeding now pending in any court in this state."

Sec. 2. Law amended.—That Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 7966, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"7966. **Erection and repair of churches, etc.**—Such trustees may repair and alter churches, make rules, regulations, and orders for managing the temporal affairs of the church, congregation, or society, and dispose of all moneys belonging thereto. They may regulate the renting of pews or slips, and the breaking of ground in their cemeteries. Under the direction or approval of the congregation or society, they may erect, acquire and operate churches, dwellings for their ministers, and other buildings for the use of the church, congregation, or society, hospitals, nurses homes and training schools, missions, camps and recreational grounds and other buildings or facilities for the carrying on of other religious, moral and charitable activities. They may appoint a clerk and treasurer of their board and a collector, regulate their compensation, and remove them at pleasure. The clerk shall enter all rules and orders made by the trustees, and payments ordered by them in a book kept for that purpose.

Provided, however, that this act shall apply to all religious corporations formed under the Revised Statutes of the Territory of Minnesota 1851, Chapter 36, and acts amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto. Provided, further, that the acquisition, retention and use prior to the passage of this act by any such religious corporations, of any property, real or personal, for any or all of the purposes specified herein, is hereby declared legal, valid and effectual for all purposes. Provided, further, that the provisions of this act shall not apply to any action or proceeding now pending in any court in this state."

Approved April 17, 1937.

CHAPTER 253—H. F. No. 862

An act to amend Section 1, Chapter 208, Session Laws of 1935, being an act relating to firemen's relief associations and firemen's pensions and levies therefor, in cities of the fourth class having a