

CHAPTER 81.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE INCORPORATION OF PARISHES IN THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

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

SECTION 1. Any parish of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this State, that now is or hereafter may be organized under and in conformity with the constitution and canons of the diocese of Minnesota, or that hereafter may be organized under and in conformity with the constitution and canons of any diocese that may hereafter be created out of any part of the present diocese of Minnesota, may be incorporated in the manner provided herein.

Form of incorporation for Episcopal churches.

SEC. 2. Said parish shall cause to be prepared a certificate which shall contain :

First.—The name and location of the parish.

Second.—The name of the rector, (if any,) and of the church wardens, and the names and number of vestrymen, which shall not be less than three (3) nor more than eight (8).

Third.—The date of the organization of said parish.

Fourth.—Said certificate shall be signed and duly acknowledged by said rector, (if any,) and by a majority of said wardens and vestrymen.

SEC. 3. Upon filing for record such certificate so signed and acknowledged in the office of the register of deeds in and for the county in which such parish is located, such parish shall be and become a body corporate by the name so assumed, shall have power to sue and be sued by its corporate name, to adopt a seal and the same to change at pleasure, by and through its said officers, to do and transact all the business of said parish, including the calling of a rector and determining his salary, and in such corporate name to acquire or receive by purchase, gift, grant, devise or bequest any property, real, personal or mixed, and the same to hold, sell, transfer, mortgage, convey, loan, let or otherwise use for the use or benefit of said parish. *Provided, however,* that such use shall not contravene the laws and usages of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Minnesota; *And provided,* that said corporation shall have no power to divert any gift, grant or bequest from the specific purpose in writing designated by the donor or deviser. *And provided further,* the said officers of said corporation shall have no power to sell or convey or mortgage the church or church site of said parish without authority so to do, first given them in

Filing of certificate.

parish meeting called for that purpose, nor in contravention of the canons of the diocese or of the canons of the general convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States.

Annual meetings.

SEC. 4. The annual meeting of said corporation shall be holden at the parish church, if any, and if not, at their usual place of worship on Easter Monday of each year, at which time church wardens and vestrymen shall be elected in the manner, and by electors having the qualifications which are or may be prescribed by the canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church of said diocese, and who shall hold their respective offices until the next succeeding Easter Monday, and until their successors are elected.

SEC. 5. The rector of said parish shall, ex-officio, be a member, and when present, the presiding officer of the vestry, and entitled to a vote in all the meetings thereof. Such meetings may be called by the rector at his discretion, or by either of the wardens at the request of a majority of the vestrymen, three (3) days' notice in writing having been given to each member of the vestry.

Section 90, title 4, chapter 34, General Statutes, repealed.

SEC. 6. That section ninety (90) of title four (4) of chapter thirty-four (34) of the general statutes, be and the same is hereby repealed. *Provided*, that nothing herein contained shall be construed as repealing chapter thirty-four (34) of the Session Laws of one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six (1876).

SEC. 7. Section four (4) of this act shall be applicable to and hereafter in the particulars enumerated in that section shall govern all parishes in the Protestant Episcopal Church heretofore incorporated under the laws of this State.

When act to take effect.

SEC. 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved January 31, 1877.

CHAPTER 82.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADJUSTMENT AND PAYMENT OF DELINQUENT STATE TAXES.

WHEREAS, the books and accounts in the office of the State Auditor show that large sums of money are due the State from the several counties therein, for and on account of unpaid State taxes levied and assessed in such coun-