

Religious Corporations.

CHAPTER 96.

ORGANIZATION OF RELIGIOUS SOCIETIES.

AN ACT to Amend Section 546, Article XIV of the Civil Code, Entitled of
"Religious Corporations."

Be it Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Dakota :

§ 1. TRUSTEES, HOW CHOSEN.] That section 546; article XIV of the Civil Code, entitled "Religious Corporations," is hereby amended so as to read as follows :

I. Section 546: The board of trustees, or other officers of any religious corporation may be chosen at such times and in such manner as may be in conformity to the rules, usage or general discipline of such church.

II. MEMBERS MAY ASSOCIATE.] The members of any church or religious society, not less than three (3), who by its rules, usage and general discipline, or otherwise, do not desire to organize and become incorporated under the foregoing provisions of the Civil Code, may organize and become corporate, capable of suing and being sued, holding, purchasing and receiving title to real estate and other property by devise, gift, grant or other conveyance, with power to mortgage, sell or convey the same, or any part, parcel or portion thereof, by adopting and signing articles containing :

First—The name of the church, society, association or corporation, its general purpose and plan of operation and its place of location.

Second—The terms of admission and qualifications of membership, and the selection of officers, and the filling of vacancies, and the manner in which the same is to be governed and managed. Such articles shall be recorded in the office of the Secretary of the Territory, and also in the office of the register of deeds of the county in which such church, society, association or corporation is located ; and thereupon such church, society, association or corporation shall have all the powers hereinbefore provided, and may adopt and establish by-laws and make all rules and regulations deemed necessary and expedient for the management of its affairs in accordance with law.

§ 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval by the Governor.

Approved March 7, 1883.

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