

the office of the clerk of the board of supervisors, but such transcript, with such certificate attached, shall be received as evidence in all courts of this state in like manner and with the same effect as the original books, records, papers, files or proceedings.

Clerk's fees for transcript.

SECTION 4. Each clerk of the board of supervisors shall be entitled to demand and receive for such transcript, twenty cents per folio for each folio, before he shall be compelled to make or deliver the same.

SECTION 5. This act shall be in force after its passage and publication.

Approved February 19, 1869.

## CHAPTER 23.

[Published February 20, 1869.]

AN ACT relating to the organization of religious societies, and amending sections 1, 13, 14 and 15 of chapter 66 of the revised statutes, entitled "of religious societies."

*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

Section 1 amended.

SECTION 1 of chapter 66 of the revised statutes, entitled "of religious societies," is hereby amended so as to read as follows: Section 1. It shall be lawful for all persons of full age belonging to any church, congregation or religious society, not already incorporated, to assemble at the church or meeting-house, or other place where they stately attend for divine worship, and by a majority of votes, elect any number of discreet persons of the church, congregation or religious society, not less than three nor more than nine in number, as trustees, (a majority of whom shall in all cases be actual communicants of such church, congregation or religious society,) to take charge of the estate and property belonging thereto, and to transact all affairs relative to the temporalities thereof.

Section 13 amended.

SECTION 2. Section 13 of said chapter is so amended as to read as follows: Section 13. The said trustees shall hold their offices for three years, and until their

successors are elected; and immediately after their first election, as hereinbefore provided, the said trustees shall be divided by lot into three classes, numbered one, two and three; and the seats of the first class shall be vacated at the end of the first year, of the second class at the end of the second year, and the seats of the third class at the end of the third year; to the end that as near as may be, one-third part of the whole number of trustees may be annually chosen.

SECTION 3. Section 14 of said chapter is hereby amended by adding to said section, as follows: *provided*, if the clerk shall fail for any cause to give the notice as hereinbefore required, or the election shall not be held at the time as hereinbefore required, the church, congregation or society shall not for that reason be dissolved or in the least affected thereby, but the notice and election may be held on some other day. Section 14  
amended.

SECTION 4. Section 15 of said chapter is so amended as to read as follows: Section 15. All subsequent elections shall be held and conducted by the same persons and in the same manner as hereinbefore provided for the first election; and in case any vacancy shall happen by the death of a trustee, his neglect or refusal to act with the board of trustees, for the space of two months or more, or removal from said society before his term of office expires, or otherwise, notice thereof shall be given as aforesaid, and an election shall be held and another trustee chosen in his stead for the remainder of such term. Section 15  
amended.

SECTION 5. This act shall be published immediately after its passage, and take effect and be in force from and after its publication.

Approved February 19, 1869.