

**SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved March 5, 1897.

No. 152, A.]

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## CHAPTER 18.

**AN ACT** to amend sections 1990, 1993 and 1995, of the revised statutes, relating to religious societies.

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

The word "male" stricken out in articles of organization of church societies.

**SECTION 1.** Section 1990, of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the word "male" wherever it occurs in said section, so that said section when so amended shall read as follows: Section 1990. The members over twenty-one years of age, not less than three in number, of any church or society of any religious sect or denomination, which shall have been organized in this state, and which at the time maintains regular public worship, may after due public notice given at some stated meeting of such church, sect or denomination, and any five or more persons of like age, not members of any religious congregation, desirous of organizing a corporation in connection with a church of their own peculiar tenets to be associated therewith, may organize a corporation for religious, charitable or educational purposes in the manner hereinafter provided.

The word "male" stricken out.

**SECTION 2.** Section 1993, of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the word "male" wherever the same occurs in said section, so that said section when so amended

shall read as follows: Section 1993. Public notice of the time and place of holding the first meeting of such corporation shall be given to the members of the church, sect or denomination for two successive Sabbaths on which such church, sect or denomination shall statedly meet for public worship, previous to such meeting; such notice may be given by the minister, or by one of the elders, deacons, church wardens or vestrymen thereof, or if there be no such officers, then by any member; and at such first meeting all the members of such church, sect or denomination over twenty-one years of age shall be entitled to a vote at such meeting as members; but if such corporation be organized by persons not belonging to any religious congregation, the majority of the incorporators named in the certificate, all having notice thereof, may meet at such time and place as they shall deem proper for the purpose of perfecting their organization; and the corporators named in such certificate shall constitute the first board of trustees, and hold their office until others are chosen.

SECTION 3. Section 1995, of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the word "male" wherever it occurs in said section, so that said section when so amended shall read as follows: Section 1995. Every existing church, congregation or religious society heretofore incorporated, is hereby established and confirmed, and shall continue to be governed by the statutes now applicable thereto, notwithstanding the same are repealed by this statute, in the same manner as if not so repealed, until organized under this chapter; and every such church, congregation and society may, by five or more of its members thereunto duly authorized by, and acting for all its members at the time, become a corporation under this chapter, by making and recording the certificate provided herein, with an additional statement therein of the name by which such society and the corporation connected with it has before

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that time been known and called, and that such society and corporation are reorganized under this chapter; but such reorganization shall not work a change of the ecclesiastical connection of any such society.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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No. 145, S.]

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## CHAPTER 19.

AN ACT to regulate the location of all public institutions in the state of Wisconsin.

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

Location of public institutions not to be influenced by any gift.

SECTION 1. No gift, bonus or appropriation, either of money, lands, tax certificates, warrants, orders or anything of value whatever shall be made, nor any liability incurred, nor any tax levied, by any town, city or village, as a consideration or inducement to the state to locate any public, educational, charitable or penal institution.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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