

CHAPTER 358.

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AN ACT to authorize John Verstegen, his heirs, assigns or associates, to build and maintain a free bridge across Fox river, [in] Outagamie county.

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

Authority to
build bridge.

SECTION 1. John Verstegen, his heirs, assigns and associates, are hereby authorized and empowered to construct and maintain a free bridge across Fox river, [in] Outagamie county, opposite lot one, (1,) of section twenty-one, (21,) in town twenty-one, (21,) of range eighteen, (18,) north side Fox river, below the dam in said river.

Aid to bridge.

SECTION 2. The towns of Kaukaunee and Buchanan, in the county of Outagamie, are hereby authorized and empowered, at any general or special town meeting of the electors thereof, to vote to raise a special bridge tax in aid of the construction and maintaining of the bridge hereby authorized to be built by said John Verstegen, his heirs, assigns or associates.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 360.

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AN ACT to incorporate the Moravian brethren's congregation, in German called Hernhuter Brueder Gemeinde, of the 6th ward of the city of Milwaukee.

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

Corporators.

SECTION 1. That Rev. William Greyer, Fred. Schulz, Michael Ziema, Antony Janssen, Philip Deierling and Henry Hornberger, and their associates, together with

such persons as may be hereafter associated with them, be and they are hereby created a body religious and corporate, with perpetual succession, by the name of the "Moravian brethren's congregation, in German called Hernhuter Breuder Gemeinde, of Milwaukee," and by that name shall be competent to contract and to be contracted with, sue and be sued, answer and be answered unto, in all courts and places, and to acquire, hold and enjoy, as well as to sell and convey or otherwise dispose of property, both real and personal: *provided*, that the powers herein granted shall not be so construed as to authorize the corporation hereby created to purchase, sell or deal in any property except for purposes connected with the erection, completion or preservation of a house of public worship and parsonage connected therewith; *and provided, further*, that the annual income of any property so held and owned by said congregation, shall not exceed ten thousand dollars.

Name and powers.

Provisos.

SECTION 2. The corporate concerns of said corporation shall be managed by a board of three trustees, a majority of whom shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. They shall be elected at the first annual meeting held in pursuance herewith, and shall hold their offices, except as herein provided, for the period of three years. Immediately after their first election, they shall decide, by lot, upon the length of their respective terms; and the office of the one who shall draw the short term shall expire in one year, the middle term in two years, and the long term in three years, to the end that one trustee shall be chosen annually thereafter. They may have a common seal, and may alter the same at pleasure, and may take into their custody and possession all the temporalities of the congregation, whether the same consist of real or personal estate, and whether given, granted or devised directly or indirectly to such society, or to any other person or persons for their use. They shall have power to call special meetings, and, generally, to do and perform all such acts and duties as shall be designated in the by-laws, not inconsistent with the provisions of this act.

Board of trustees.

Powers.

SECTION 3. The persons named in this act shall be the first board of trustees, and shall hold their offices for the term of one year from the first Monday of Jan-

First board of trustees.

uary, 1863, or until the first annual meeting of the congregation; and any secretary, treasurer or other officer which the congregation may have elected previously to the passage of this act, is hereby confirmed in office, the same to hold at the pleasure of said congregation, until such annual meeting.

Constitution,
by-laws, &c.

May build house
of worship, &c.

SECTION 4. The congregation, at any regular meeting thereof, may adopt such constitution, by-laws and regulations for the management of their temporal concerns, not inconsistent with any law of this state, as they may see fit, and may enforce the same. They shall have power to construct one or more houses of worship and parsonages, and to alter, repair and reconstruct any church edifice or parsonage now erected or in process of erection; to order and regulate the sale or renting of the pews, and provide for their forfeiture and reversion to said congregation, in case of non-payment of any installment or purchase money, rent or assessment levied in pursuance of any by-law of the congregation. Said congregation shall keep a full and complete record of all ordinances, by-laws, rules and regulations made by them, and of the names of all members and officers, and of all their proceedings, which record shall be always free to the inspection of the members, and shall be received in all courts as *prima facie* evidence of the facts therein stated. They shall have power to elect a secretary, treasurer and such other officers as the proper management of their affairs may require, and to prescribe their several duties.

Exemption.

SECTION 5. Any house of worship or parsonage belonging to said congregation, and the land thereto belonging, not to exceed one-half an acre for each of said buildings, shall not be subject to taxation, except for its own improvement. And whereas, the said congregation has heretofore had existence as an associated body, without having been incorporated under any law of this state; and whereas, the board of trustees thereof have in their possession certain estates, moneys and effects belonging thereto, it is hereby enacted, that all the estate, property and goods, real and personal, formerly belonging to such unincorporated congregation, and not lawfully disposed of, shall vest in the congregation hereby incorporated, to be held and owned or

freely disposed of by them, as they may hereafter determine.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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CHAPTER 361.

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AN ACT authorizing Eric Theodore Schjoth to maintain a ferry across Big Sturgeon bay, Door county, Wisconsin.

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

SECTION 1. Eric Theodore Schjoth, his associates, ^{Exclusive right, &c.} heirs, assigns and personal representatives, shall have the exclusive right and privilege, for the term of ten years, of keeping and maintaining a ferry across Big Sturgeon bay, Door county, starting from the dock on land owned by Eric Theodore Schjoth, on section seven, (7,) in town twenty-seven, (27,) north of range twenty-six (26) east, and landing at the saw mill on section eight, (8,) of same town and range, and no charter or ferry right shall be granted within one mile either above or below said ferry.

SECTION 2. Such ferry shall be subject to all such ^{Tariff.} regulations as other ferries are by law subject, and the proprietor thereof shall be entitled to receive for crossing, for each vehicle with team of horses or oxen, 50 cents; for each additional horse, or a cow, 20 cents; for man and horse, 25 cents; for cattle or horses in droves, each 8 cents; for hogs or sheep in droves, each 3 cents; for foot passengers, each 5 cents.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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