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CHAPTER 14

AN ACT to amend sections 1, 6, 7 and 8 of chapter 129 of the laws of 1867, as amended by chapter 196 of the laws of 1899, chapter 283 of the laws of 1911, and chapter 234 of the laws of 1915, relating to Northwestern College at Watertown, Wisconsin.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Sections 1, 6, 7 and 8 of chapter 129 of the laws of 1867, as amended by chapter 196 of the laws of 1899, chapter 283 of the laws of 1911, and chapter 234 of the laws of 1915, are amended to read: (Laws 1867, ch. 129) Section 1. That John Buding, Phillip Koehler, Daniel Kusel, Henry Sieker, Chas. Gausemitz, Ernest Myerhoff, George Verberg, Goettliebe Thiel, Charles Kieckhefer, and their successors, be and they are hereby created a body politic and corporate, to be styled the board of trustees of the Northwestern college at Watertown, Wisconsin; and by that name to remain in perpetual succession, with full power to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded: to acquire, hold and convey property, real and personal; to have and use a common seal; that all lands owned, used and occupied by said corporation for the convenience of its buildings and enlarging the same, not exceeding forty acres, the library, cabinet, apparatus and books employed in the conducting of said college, together with all endowment funds which they may have, hold or receive, shall be exempt from taxation. Provided, that the board of trustees shall be subject to the regulations, rules and general supervision of the * * * *Evangelical Lutheran Joint Synod of Wisconsin, Minnesota, Michigan*, and other states, under whose patronage the college, and connected colleges or seminaries are founded; and further, provided, that the board of trustees shall have no power or authority to acquire, hold or convey any real property, except under the direction of the said synod, given at a regular or special meeting of said synod.

Section 6. That subsequently the board of trustees shall be chosen as follows: The * * * *Evangelical Lutheran Joint Synod of Wisconsin, Minnesota, Michigan*, and other states shall at its * * * *regular biennial* meeting, elect one-third of the members of said board, to be elected for the term of * * * *six* years and until their successors are elected and qualified; said election shall be by ballot and the persons receiving a majority of the votes shall be declared elected. Said trustees

shall be members of said synod or members in good standing of congregations belonging to the synod. The said synod shall have power to increase or decrease the number of trustees by a vote of said synod, taken at a regular * * * *biennial* meeting of said synod; but such proposed change shall be published at least twice in the official organ of said synod, before such meeting; provided, however, that at each time of increasing or decreasing the number of trustees, the number of trustees to be elected shall be divisible by three, one-third to be elected for * * * *two* years, one-third for * * * *four* years, and one-third for * * * *six* years. The said synod shall have power to allow other Lutheran synods of other states, to join with it in the patronage of said college and other institutions, and to allow such synods to elect a specified number of trustees, who must be members of such synod or synods, or members in good standing of congregations belonging to such synod or synods; provided, always, that the majority of trustees shall be elected by the said * * * *Evangelical Lutheran Joint Synod of Wisconsin, Minnesota, Michigan, and other states*; and provided, further, that the whole number of trustees shall never exceed twenty-four.

Section 7. Any member of the board of trustees may resign, by resignation sent to the president of the synod of which he is a member. And any member of the board of trustees, who ceases to be a member of the * * * *Evangelical Lutheran Joint Synod of Wisconsin, Minnesota, Michigan, and other states* or of the synod that shall have the privilege to elect such trustees, or who ceases to be a member in good standing of any congregation belonging to said synod or synods, shall thereby lose his seat and vote, and his place shall be deemed vacant. All the vacancies shall be filled by ballot at the next * * * *biennial* meeting of such synod; provided, however, that the president of such synod shall have power to fill any vacancies temporarily until the meeting of such synod.

Section 8. Said board of trustees shall have power to carry on and conduct such preparatory departments and colleges of learning and seminaries as the said * * * *Evangelical Lutheran Joint Synod of Wisconsin, Minnesota, Michigan, and other states* may direct.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

Approved March 5, 1918.