

CHAPTER 337.

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AN ACT to incorporate Religious Societies.

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

SECTION 1. Any five or more male persons, of lawful age, desirous of forming a society for the promotion of the Christian religion in connection with a church to be associated therewith, according to their own peculiar tenets, may become incorporated, and possess, have, hold, and enjoy, all the rights, privileges, and franchises, incident to such corporations, as hereinafter provided. Persons may become incorporated.

SEC. 2. Such persons shall execute, under their hands and seals, a certificate, substantially in the following form : Certificate necessary to incorporate.

“Know all men by these presents that we, (insert the names) whose names are hereunto subscribed, have agreed, and by these presents do agree, to become incorporated into a religious society, in pursuance of the laws of this State, by the name and style of the (here insert corporate name) of the (here insert the name of city, village, or town) and we do hereby agree, that all persons who may hereafter become associated with us in this organization, shall be entitled to equal privileges and rights in the grants and franchises hereby secured under and by virtue of the statutes in such cases made and provided.

“In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals this day of —, A. D. —.”

SEC. 3. The certificate thus executed shall be acknowledged before some person authorized to take acknowledgments of deeds, and shall be recorded in the office of the Secretary of State, and copies thereof, duly certified by him, shall be received as evidence of the fact of incorporation, and for all other proper and lawful purposes in all courts of law and equity. The Secretary of State shall be entitled to receive fifty cents for recording each certificate, and the like sum for each certified copy thereof. Certificate to be acknowledged and recorded. Fee.

SEC. 4. That upon the recording of such certificate in the office of the Secretary of State, the persons named therein shall be deemed and regarded in law as corporators, and they, and their associates, are hereby declared to be a body corporate and politic, with perpetual succession, by the name and style designated in such certificate, Corporators.

- Powers.** and by such name and style shall be competent to contract, and be contracted with, to sue and be sued, to answer and be answered unto, in all courts of law and equity; and shall also be competent, in law, to purchase, have, hold, and enjoy, property both real and personal, and to sell, dispose of, and convey the same; *Provided,*
- Not deal in property.** *however,* that it shall not be lawful for such corporation to deal in property of any kind, except so far as shall be necessary for the legitimate objects of the corporation, as declared in this act: *And provided further,* that the real estate to be held shall not exceed five lots in any city or village, or five acres in the country, not platted into lots.
- Common seal.** SEC. 5. That every such corporation, thus created, may have a common seal, and alter and renew the same at pleasure; and may also adopt a constitution and by-laws for their government, not inconsistent with the laws of this State, or of the United States, and may alter or amend the same at pleasure; and may also designate the number and title of their officers, and may also define their powers and duties.
- Officers, &c.**
- To perfect organization.** SEC. 6. A majority of the corporators named in such certificate, may meet at such time and place as to them shall seem fit and proper, for the purpose of perfecting their organization under the incorporation thus secured; and the said corporators shall constitute the first board of trustees of the society, and shall hold their offices until others are chosen.
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CHAPTER 338.

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AN ACT to provide for the laying out of a State road from the village of Kiel, in Manitowoc county, to the town of Calumet, in Fond du Lac county.

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

Commissioners.

SECTION 1. Mathias Bourgeois, Herman Schlichting, and John Boyd, are hereby appointed commissioners to lay out and establish a state road from the village of Kiel, in the county of Manitowoc, to the point where the