

under the same uses and trusts as the same was theretofore held by the said dissolved corporation.

Record and
decree to be
recorded.

Section 8. A decree of dissolution by any court, under the provisions of this act, shall not go into effect until a certified copy of the record and of such decree shall be recorded in the office of the recorder of deeds of such county and in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

APPROVED—The 4th day of May, A. D. 1931.

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No. 59

AN ACT

Authorizing the merger and consolidation of corporations organized and formed for the support of public worship.

Corporations for
public worship.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That it shall be lawful for any corporation heretofore or hereafter organized under the provisions of any general or special act of Assembly, whether through letters patent or proceedings in the Supreme Court or court of common pleas, for the support of public worship, to merge its corporate rights, franchises, powers and privileges with and into those of any other corporation or corporations formed for the support of public worship so that, by virtue of this act, such corporations may consolidate, and so that all the property, rights, franchises and privileges, then by law vested in either of such corporations so merged, shall be transferred to and vested into such merged corporation.

Merger and
consolidation.

Method.

Section 2. Said merger or consolidation shall be effected in the following manner:

First. The trustees, directors, vestrymen or other official board of each corporation shall enter into a joint agreement, under the corporate seals of each of them, for the merger and consolidation of said corporations, prescribing the terms and conditions thereof, the mode of carrying the same into effect, the name of the new corporation, the number and names of the trustees, directors and vestrymen and other officers thereof, and how and when such officers shall be chosen, with such other details as shall be deemed necessary to perfect the said consolidation and merger, but such agreement shall not become effective unless the same shall be approved by the members of each of said corporations, as hereinafter provided, and by the ecclesiastical authority or other organization of which the said merging corporations are subordinate members or with which they are in union or of which they form a part.

Second. Said agreement shall be submitted to the

membership of each of said corporations at separate special meetings or regular meetings; the time, place and object of which respective meetings, due notice shall be given by publication, once a week for two consecutive weeks before said respective meetings, in at least one newspaper in the county or in each of the respective counties in which the said congregations maintain public worship. At said meetings the said agreement shall be considered and a vote of the membership in person shall be taken by ballot for the adoption or rejection of the same, and if a majority in number of those present shall vote in favor of said agreement, merger and consolidation, then that fact shall be certified by the secretary or clerk of each of said corporations under the corporate seal thereof.

Section 3. The said certificates, together with the said agreement, or a copy thereof, shall be recorded in the office of the recorder of deeds of the proper county or counties and in the offices of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, and, when so recorded, the said agreements shall be deemed and taken to be the act and consolidation of said corporation, and said merger shall be deemed to have taken place and the said corporations to be one corporation under the name adopted by said agreement, possessing all the rights, franchises and privileges theretofore vested in each of them.

Certificates and agreement to be recorded.

All the estate and property, real and personal, and all rights of action of each of said corporations shall be deemed and taken to be transferred to and vested in the said new corporation without any further act or deed.

Transfer of property.

Section 4. All rights of creditors and all liens upon the property of each of said corporations shall continue unimpaired, and the respective constituent corporations shall be deemed to be in existence to preserve the same; and all debts, duties and liabilities of each of said constituent corporations shall thenceforth attach to the said new corporation, and may be enforced against it to the same extent and the same process as though said debts, duties and liabilities had been contracted by it.

Rights and liens preserved.

Section 5. A certified copy of said certificate and agreement, or copy of agreement, so filed in the office of the recorder of deeds and in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall be the evidence of the lawful holding and action of such meetings, and of the merger and consolidation of said corporations.

Copy of certificate and agreement as evidence.

Section 6. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Repeal.

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