

stitutions as the said mayor, recorder, aldermen and common councilmen in common council assembled shall make, ordain and establish.

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CHAPTER MDX.

AN ACT FOR ALTERING A CERTAIN CLAUSE IN THE CHARTER OF THE CORPORATION FOR THE RELIEF OF THE WIDOWS AND CHILDREN OF CLERGYMEN OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas it hath been represented to this general assembly by the "Corporation for the relief of the widows and children of the clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America" that the good and charitable purposes for which the said corporation was instituted are in danger of being defeated by the disappointments the corporation experience in their endeavors to assemble the quorum required by their charter to make, repeal or alter fundamental laws, which has been often in vain attempted and a considerable majority of the said corporation having requested by their petition that the clause in their charter requiring a majority of all the members to make, repeal or alter any fundamental law may be so altered that a less number than a majority of the whole may be vested with the powers by the said charter given to such majority, and it appearing to this assembly that such alteration is not only agreeable to the members of the said corporation but is also proper and necessary for the preservation of their funds and to enable them to carry into effect the laudable purposes of their institution:

Therefore:

[Section I.] (Section II, P. L.) Be it enacted and it is hereby enacted by the Representatives of the Freemen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met and by the authority of the same, That it shall and may be lawful for a majority of any twenty or more members of the said cor-

poration met at any annual or other meeting duly assembled to propose any new law or regulation or the repeal, alteration or amendment of any former one whether fundamental or not in the form of a bill for the better ordering the affairs of the said corporation and to cause the same to be published in one or more of the public newspapers in each of the states of Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York, and if at the next meeting of the said corporation to be held at any time not less than six months after such publication thirty or more members shall be duly assembled and three fifths of the members so assembled shall approve and ratify such proposed new law or regulation or such proposed repeal, alteration or amendment of a former law whether fundamental or not the same shall be and is hereby declared to be as valid and effectual to all intents and purposes for carrying on the charitable designs of the said corporation as if the majority of all the members had been met anything in their said charter to the contrary notwithstanding.

[Section II.] (Section III, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That any failure of the meeting of a sufficient number of the said corporation heretofore at any of the stated days or times of meeting for that purpose directed by the said charter shall not be nor shall be considered, taken, held or adjudged to be a forfeiture of the said charter or a legal dissolution of the said corporation nor shall the rights and powers of the said corporation be in anywise lessened or impeached thereby, but their said charter and every part thereof not altered by this act or by an act of the legislature of this commonwealth passed on the nineteenth day of February one thousand seven hundred and eighty-five, shall be good and availing in all things in the law according to the true intent and meaning thereof and shall [be] construed, reputed and adjudged in all cases most favorably on the behalf and for the best benefit and behoof of the said corporation and their successors so as most effectually to answer the good and valuable purposes of their institution and incorporation.

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