

Judiciary.
March 16, 1931.

House File No. 530. ✓

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A BILL FOR

An Act to legalize the re-incorporation of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Mason City, Cerro Gordo county, Iowa, its articles of incorporation, the election of officers and board of trustees under said articles of incorporation, and of the acts and proceedings to effect said re-incorporation and the title to the property belonging to said corporation as heretofore incorporated and assumed by said articles of re-incorporation.

Whereas, on the 6th day of March, 1865, a corporation was formed and articles of incorporation were adopted, under the corporate name of The First Methodist Episcopal Church of Mason City, Iowa, which articles were duly filed in the office of the recorder of deeds of Cerro Gordo county, Iowa, on the same day, and recorded in "Deed Record C" at page 799; and

Whereas, on the 8th day of February, 1868, certain persons, including the officers and trustees of said first named corporation associated themselves together and executed a certificate of association, which was duly filed as required by law in the office of said recorder of Cerro Gordo county, Iowa, and duly recorded on the 8th day of October, 1887, in book "A" of Miscellaneous records of said county, at page 518, under the corporate name of The First Methodist Episcopal Church of Mason City, Iowa, being a substitute and renewal of said original articles of incorporation first named above, which transferred, turned over and conveyed to the second above named corporation all the property, real and personal, rights and privileges of said former corporation, and the said second named corporation accepted, took possession and assumed the title thereto, and has ever since exercised control, ownership and possession of all said property rights and privileges of said former corporation, and elected the officers and members, and trustees annually as provided by its articles of corporation, until the time of the articles of incorporation hereinafter mentioned, and the acquiring of the title, rights and privilege thereunder, and

Whereas, the time limit for the existence of said corporation as originally incorporated and renewed, had expired under the provisions of the statutes of this state, and the members of the said First Methodist Episcopal Church at and in Mason City, Iowa, through its official board, and its board of trustees, duly elected and acting in accordance with the rules and discipline of

the Methodist Episcopal Church, duly authorized the officers and members of said board of trustees to re-incorporate said church association under the provisions of section eighty-five hundred ninety-two-a one (8592A1) of the 1927 code, the said board of trustees hereinafter named for like positions under these articles, did on the 21st day of November, 1930, execute, adopt, sign and acknowledge articles of incorporation, or for the purpose of re-incorporation under said section of said code, 1927, naming J. J. Clark as president, W. S. Wilcox, vice-president, R. S. Stanbery, as secretary, W. G. C. Bagley as treasurer, and C. Currie, P. H. Kehm, W. P. Muse, F. A. Stephenson and W. E. Gildner as the other members of said board, which articles of incorporation were duly acknowledged and filed for record as provided by law and duly recorded in the office of the recorder of deeds of said county in Book 4 of the corporation records of said county, at page 413, and

Whereas, there may be doubts as to the legality and effectiveness of said articles and the proceedings for said re-incorporation, and of the title to property, rights and powers and privileges acquired and obtained thereby, and in order to clear up and remove all doubts as to the validity thereof,

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 Section 1. That the original proceedings to renew the
2 existence of and re-incorporate the said church corporation,
3 under the present name of The First Methodist Episcopal Church
4 of Mason City, Cerro Gordo county, Iowa, and the said last named
5 articles of incorporation, filed as aforesaid and recorded in
6 Book 4 of the corporation records of said county, are hereby
7 declared legal and valid to all intents and purposes as provided
8 by said section eighty-five hundred ninety-two-a one (8592-a1) of
9 said code, 1927, and the title, rights, possession in and to all
10 property heretofore had, owned, possessed or acquired by either
11 and all of said former named church corporation, is hereby
12 declared to be lawfully conferred upon and vested in and made

13 valid as the property and rights of the said last named corpora-
14 tion, articles of which were filed in said Book 4 of the articles
15 of the corporation records of said county, at page 413 thereof,
16 with all the powers and privileges conferred by lawful re-in-
17 corporation under said section eighty-five hundred ninety-two-a
18 one (8592-a1), whether or not there was or should be found to be
19 any failure in any particular to comply fully with the provisions
20 of said section of the laws of Iowa. That the provisions of said
21 articles and the naming of said officers thereof, and for re-
22 election thereof, and all acts heretofore and hereafter per-
23 formed by the said board of trustees or of said corporation
24 are legalized and declared to be valid in all respects.

1 Sec. 2. That the corporation shall remain valid and
2 continue its existence as such for the period and under the
3 conditions provided by chapter three hundred ninety-four (394)
4 of the code of 1927.