

the county board may, during the year 1935 and 1936, appropriate and expend up to \$36,000.00 for the purpose of acquiring, distributing and donating free seed to any bona fide owner, and/or occupant of lands primarily devoted to the business of farming; provided that any person to whom said seed is given, in the opinion of the county board, has no sufficient means or credit with which to obtain seed from other sources.

Sec. 2. May be taken from any fund.—The money necessary to carry out the distribution of seed, as herein permitted, may be taken from any and all funds of said county now on hand or hereafter accrued to the credit of the county, whether a specific levy for such purpose has been made or otherwise. That said County Board may authorize the creation of an overdraft in the county revenue fund to the extent necessary to provide funds for the purchase of such seed, and may in its discretion require any recipient of such seed to perform county road work in payment for such seed.

Approved April 24, 1935.

CHAPTER 265—S. F. No. 377

An act to amend Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Sections 7996, 7997 and 7998, relating to the consolidation of religious corporations, and to provide for the effect of consolidation on the property of, and legacies to, the original corporation.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. Consolidation of religious corporations.—Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 7996, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"7996. Any two or more incorporated churches, congregations, *parishes* or religious societies, or an *incorporated parish* and an *incorporated cathedral*, may consolidate and reorganize as a single church, congregation, *parish cathedral*, or *religious society* by complying with the provisions of law for the formation of such church, congregation, *parish, cathedral*, or society contained in this subdivision."

Sec. 2. Members to adopt resolution.—Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 7997, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"7997. Before any action is had for that purpose, a resolution authorizing such consolidation and reorganization shall be adopted by at least two-thirds of the members present and voting at a meeting of each of said churches, congregations, *parishes, parish and cathedral*, or societies called for that purpose, notice of the time, place and object of which shall be given on four successive Sabbaths, on which such society stately meets for public worship, immediately preceding the time specified for such meeting. Proof of the fact of such notice, meeting and resolution may be made by affidavit of one of the officers or members cognizant of the facts, which shall be recorded with the certificate of incorporation."

Sec. 3. Notice of meeting.—Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 7998, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"7998. After the adoption of such resolution by said several churches, congregations, *parishes, parish and cathedral*, or societies, notice shall be given stating the time and place of the meeting of the united congregation of all said churches, congregations, *parishes, parish and cathedral*, or societies by posting the same at the place where each society stately meets for worship at least 15 days prior to such meeting, and the minister or some other officer of each *such organization* shall give public notice of said meeting at the usual Sabbath service at least one week before the meeting. The notice for such meeting shall be signed by the clerk of the board of trustees, *vestry or chapter* of each church, or by some other person authorized by such board to sign the same. At the meeting of the united congregation held pursuant to said notice, a name shall be adopted for the new corporation and the meeting shall, by a majority vote, determine the form of organization of the new corporation, fix the qualifications for trustees or *vestrymen* and the number which shall be not less than three or more than 12, and a new board of trustees, *vestry and wardens or chapter and wardens* shall be elected by a majority vote of all the members present.

The board of trustees, *vestry or chapter not including wardens* shall be divided into three classes, one class shall be elected and hold office until the next annual meeting of the congregation, one class until the second annual meeting of the congregation, and one class until the third annual meeting of the congregation. Thereafter, the terms of office of the trustees or *vestrymen* shall be three years and until their successors are elected and qualified. In case a vacancy shall occur in the board of trustees, *vestry, or chapter*, at the next meeting

of the congregation, *board of trustees, chapter or vestry* a successor shall be elected to fill the unexpired term caused by such vacancy.

After said meeting the chairman and secretary shall make a certificate in the form and manner prescribed by *Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, sections 7963, 7977 or 7982, as the case may be*, and such certificate, together with proof by affidavit of the giving of proper notice of the meeting, and the affidavits provided for in *Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, section 7997*, shall be recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds at the county where the place of worship of said consolidated society is located, and thereupon such churches, congregations, *parishes, parish and cathedral*, or societies shall be merged into a new corporation under the name specified in the certificate and the new corporation shall have the rights, powers and privileges and shall be liable for all the obligations of the several corporations so consolidated and all of the property of every kind and nature of the original corporation shall vest in the new corporation, *and, whenever by any will or other instrument which takes effect after such consolidation, any of said original corporations is named as a legatee or devisee, or as beneficiary of any trust therein provided, said new corporation shall take under such will or other instrument and shall receive and become entitled to all the money, property and benefits that the original corporation would have received under such will or other instrument, save as therein otherwise expressly provided.*"

Sec. 4. Certain notices validated.—*All notices given, resolutions adopted, meetings held and other proceedings taken in accordance with the provisions of Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, sections 7996, 7997 and 7998, as amended by this act, shall be valid and effective for all purposes whether the same take place before or after the passage of this act.*

✓ Approved April 24, 1935.

CHAPTER 266—S. F. No. 400

An act to amend Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Sections 5769, 5771, as amended by Special Laws of 1933-34, Chapter 27, 5772, 5774, 5775, 5781 and 5782, relating to the practice of chiropody.