PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL BISHOPS
Act 223 of 1913

AN ACT to authorize the bishops of the Protestant Episcopal church in Michigan, and their successors in office to hold property in their respective dioceses in trust for the use of the said church.

History: 1913, Act 223, Eff. Aug. 14, 1913.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

458.271 Conveyances to bishops of Protestant Episcopal church in trust for certain purposes.

Sec. 1. All gifts, grants, deeds, wills and other conveyances wherein or whereby any lands, tenements or other property within this state, or any personal property the donor or grantor of which resided in this state at the time such conveyance or will became effective, have been given, granted, devised or bequeathed, or in any manner conveyed by any person or persons whatever, unto any person or persons by the name, style or title of bishop of any diocese of said church in this state or his successors, or to any of such bishops in his individual name without the expression or designation of any title, upon the trust expressed or implied to take hold and receive the same for the use and benefit of any congregation or society of the Protestant Episcopal church, or for the support, aid and maintenance of any school, hospital, church, parish house, burial ground, parsonage or rectory, or other religious or charitable purposes within this state, and all such gifts, grants, deeds, wills and other conveyances which may hereafter be so made, shall vest the legal title of, in and to said lands, tenements and personal property, in the said bishop and in his successor or successors forever, in trust for the uses and purposes for which said property is, or may be hereafter acquired, granted or devised: Provided, That nothing in this act shall be taken or construed to give, or grant to the said bishop or bishops, or his or their successor or successors, the right to hold real estate in trust for any society except for charitable, religious or educational purposes, as provided for in this act.

History: 1913, Act 223, Eff. Aug. 14, 1913;—CL 1915, 10941;—CL 1929, 10949;—Am. 1937, Act 197, Imd. Eff. July 20, 1937;—CL 1948, 458.271.

458.272 Conditions under which legal title vests in bishop even though not named in conveyance.

Sec. 2. All gifts, grants, deeds, wills and other conveyances wherein or whereby any lands, tenements or other property within this state, or any personal property the donor or grantor of which resided in this state at the time such conveyance or will became effective, have been, or shall hereafter be given, granted, devised or bequeathed or in any manner conveyed unto any parish, mission or religious, educational or charitable society of the Protestant Episcopal church in the state of Michigan by name, and such parish, mission or society shall be incapable of receiving or holding such property, whether by reason of being unincorporated, or because the persons designated as grantees are uncertain and indefinite, and all such gifts, devises and bequests which have been made, or shall hereafter be made, in trust for any religious, educational, or charitable purpose of the Protestant Episcopal church, in which no trustee is named in the conveyance or will, or in which the trustee so named shall fail to qualify, shall vest the legal title of, in and to said lands, tenements and personal property in the present bishop of the Protestant Episcopal church of the diocese in which such society is located or within which such religious, educational or charitable purpose is to be executed, and in his successor or successors forever, in trust for the uses and purposes for which said property is, or may be hereafter acquired, granted or devised.

History: Add. 1937, Act 197, Imd. Eff. July 20, 1937;—CL 1948, 458.272.

458.273 Authority of bishop to make conveyance; approval required.

Sec. 3. Any bishop of the Protestant Episcopal church in the state of Michigan who may now or hereafter be vested with title to any lands, tenements or personal property in trust for any of the uses and purposes named herein may in his discretion give, grant and convey the same to a corporation incorporated under the laws of the state of Michigan, authorized by the canons of said diocese or by resolution of the diocesan convention thereof to hold such property, subject to all the terms and conditions of the trust under which said bishop received and held the same.

History: Add. 1937, Act 197, Imd. Eff. July 20, 1937;—CL 1948, 458.273.

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