

assembly is in session, any act of assembly, certified by the clerk of the senate and house of delegates, shall be deemed and taken as duly authenticated; *Provided*, the secretary of state of this state, shall also certify under the great seal of the state, that the said persons whose names appear to said certificate, were, at the time the said certificates were made, the clerks of the senate and house of delegates respectively, which said certificate it shall be the duty of the said secretary to make, whenever required.

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CHAPTER 388.

AN ACT entitled, a Supplement to an Act, entitled, an Act to Incorporate certain persons, in every Christian Church and Congregation in this State.

WHEREAS, it has been represented to this general assembly, that there are within the limits of the state of Maryland, a number of houses of worship, with lots of land used as burying grounds, attached to them, which property is held in trust for such purposes, and doubts and difficulties have arisen, respecting the proper method of perpetuating the said trusts according to the provisions of the deeds whereby they were created, for the purpose therefore of removing such doubts and difficulties, and as it is the design of the act, and the several supplements thereto, of the act to which this is a supplement, to afford the means of perpetuating such trusts: therefore,

Preamble.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That from and after the passage of this act, whenever any property has been, or shall hereafter be conveyed to trustees, for the use and benefit of any unincorporated church or congregation, which now exists, or may hereafter exist in this state, in order to be used for the purposes of worship and as burying grounds, or for either of these purposes, it shall and may be lawful for any trustee, who may be desirous of renouncing his trust, to effect that object by signifying such his wish and intention, to the remaining trustee or trustees, by writing under his hand and seal, setting forth that he has determined to cease to be a trustee, and relinquishing his right in the trust property to the remaining trustee or trustees.

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In writing.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That on the receipt of such resignation and release, it shall and may be lawful for the remaining trustee or trustees, to fill the vacancy or vacancies, occasioned by such resignation or resignations, in the same manner as if the resigning trustee or trustees had ceased to be a trustee or trustees, according to the provisions of the deed creating the trust; *Provided however*, that if a different mode of filling any vacancy or vacancies in the board of trustees, be prescribed in the deed creating the trust, and on the filling up of said vacancy or vacancies, the new trustee or trustees shall be seized of the

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Proviso.