

or under the authority of such agreement, plan or certificate of incorporation, including the choice and election of trustees, in all respects, and to all intents and purposes shall be as valid and binding as if the said agreement, plan or certificate of incorporation had been duly filed for record, and in proper time, and all deeds, conveyances and transfers of property, in trust for the benefit of any such church or congregation, and all deeds, conveyances and transfers made and executed to others, by or in the name of such church or congregation, as a religious corporation, shall be good, valid and effective to all intents and purposes, as if the agreement, plan or certificate of incorporation for such church and congregation had been duly filed in the proper office, for record, within the time prescribed by the law under which such church or congregation was organized and incorporated as aforesaid. And if it shall appear that any church or congregation heretofore made and adopted a good and sufficient agreement, plan or certificate of incorporation, and in the Clerk's office, where the same should have been recorded no book for recording such instruments is to be found covering the time in which such agreement, plan or certificate of incorporation should have been filed for record, then in such case it shall be conclusively presumed in all the Courts of this State that the said agreement, plan or certificate of incorporation was duly and in due time filed for record in the said Clerk's office, and that the book containing the record of the same has been lost or destroyed, and such agreement, plan or certificate of incorporation shall be again filed for record, unless it has heretofore already been filed. If any church or congregation, organized or incorporated as a religious corporation since the year eighteen hundred, under any law of this State, hath failed or omitted to file in the proper clerk's office its agreement, plan or certificate of incorporation, within the time prescribed by the said law, and if such agreement, plan or certificate of incorporation hath never been since filed for record, such church or congregation shall have all the benefits of this Act, if such agreement, plan or certificate of incorporation shall be duly filed for record in the proper Clerk's office, within one year from the date of the passage of this Act.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 11, 1910.