

No. 69.

AN ACT

Relating to the ministers, trustees, elders and deacons of the German Reformed congregation in Germantown, in the province of Pennsylvania.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, Thomas Penn and Richard Penn, proprietors of the province of Pennsylvania, by letters patent, signed by John Penn, lieutenant governor of said province, under the great seal thereof, on the tenth day of January, Anno Domini, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-one, incorporated or granted chartered rights to the German Reformed congregation in Germantown, under the name, style and title of "the minister, trustees, elders and deacons of the German Reformed congregation" in Germantown, in the province of Pennsylvania: *And whereas*, The minister by said charter is unnecessarily connected with the management of the temporal concerns of said church; therefore,

Members.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same*, That the minister of the church, for the time being, shall not be a member of the corporation, nor entitled to a seat or vote in the body corporate, and the said corporation shall hereafter consist of twelve members, to be elected at the time specified in the original charter; but no person shall be elected to any of the said offices in said corporation, unless he shall have been a member of the congregation three years preceding the time of his election, and paid the sum of two dollars annually during that period; and no person shall be entitled to vote at such election unless he shall have paid the sum of two dollars annually towards the support of the church prior to the day of said election.

Name.

SECTION 2. That the said corporation shall hereafter be known by the name, style and title of "the trustees, elders and deacons of the German Reformed congregation in Germantown, in the county of Philadelphia, and state of Pennsylvania;" and by the said name may have, hold, take and enjoy all lands, tenements and hereditaments, grants, bequests or gifts, whatsoever, now holden, or to which the said corporation, under the original title of "the German Reformed congregation in Germantown, in the province of Pennsylvania," would be entitled to hold.

Alteration.

SECTION 3. That so much of the said letters patent, so granted as aforesaid, are hereby altered and supplied by this act.

JAMES ROSS SNOWDEN,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

WILLIAM BIGLER,

Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The fourteenth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and forty-four.

DAVID R. PORTER.