

State of Rhode Island, &c.

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

January session, A. D. 1917.

AN ACT

TO INCORPORATE PROVIDENCE COLLEGE.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

Section 1. Matthew Harkins, Aram J. Pothier, Raymond Meagher, Dennis M. Lowney, Peter E. Blessing, Thomas P. Grace, Albert D. Casey, John N. Jordan, Paul Cunningham, Jeremiah T. Fitzgerald, Francis Beckley, Bernard F. Logan, Henry Dugan, James Aldrige, James F. Colbert, Michael Galliher, John R. Heffernan, William P. Dempsey, Michael F. Dooley, John E. Donley, Jr., and Patrick P. Curran, their associates and successors, are hereby constituted a body corporate by the name of Providence College, and they and their successors, and such as shall be duly elected members of such corporation, shall be and remain a body corporate by that name forever. And for the orderly conducting the business of said corporation it shall have power and authority from time to time as occasion may require to elect a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer, and such other officers of said corporation as may be found necessary, and to declare the duties and tenures of their respective offices; and also to remove any member from the same corporation, when in its judgment he shall be rendered incapable by age, or otherwise, of discharging the duties of his office, or shall neglect or refuse to perform the same; and also from time to time to elect new members of the said corporation.

Sec. 2. The said corporation shall have full power and authority to determine at what times and places its meetings shall be holden, and the manner of notifying the members to convene at such meetings; and also, from time to time, to elect a president of said college,

and such professors, tutors, instructors and other officers of the said college, as they shall judge most for the interest thereof, and to determine the duties, salaries, emoluments, responsibilities, and tenures of the several offices; and the said corporation is further empowered to purchase or erect, and keep in repair, such houses and other buildings as it shall judge necessary for the said college; and also to make and ordain, as occasion may require, reasonable rules, orders, and by-laws not repugnant to the constitution and laws of this State, with reasonable penalties for the good government of the said college, and for the regulation of their own body, and also to determine and regulate the course of instruction in said college, and to confer such degrees as are usually conferred by colleges and universities; provided, nevertheless, that no corporate business shall be transacted at any meeting unless one-half at least of the members are present.

Sec. 3. The said corporation shall have power and authority to create a subordinate board under any appropriate name to be composed of such number of persons, either members of the corporation, or other persons, or partly of such members and partly of such other persons as the corporation shall from time to time determine. Said corporation may confer on said board such corporate power and duty as it sees fit and it may alter, amend, change, revoke or annul said powers and duties in any manner it shall see fit.

Sec. 4. The said corporation shall have a common seal which may alter or renew at its pleasure and all deeds sealed with the seal of said corporation and signed by its order shall when made in its corporate name be considered in law as the deeds of said corporation; and said corporation may sue and be sued in all actions real, personal or mixed and may prosecute the same to final judgment and execution by and in its said corporate name; and said corporation shall be capable of taking and holding in fee simple or any less estate by gift, grant, bequest, devise or otherwise any lands, tenements or other estate, real or personal.

Sec. 5. The clear rents and profits of all the estate, real and personal, of which the said corporation shall be seized and possessed shall be appropriated to the maintenance, upkeep and endowment of

said college in such manner as shall most effectually promote virtue and piety and learning in such of the languages and of the liberal and useful arts and sciences as shall be recommended from time to time by the said corporation, it conforming to the will of any donor or donors in the application of any estate which may be given, devised or bequeathed for any particular object connected with the college.

Sec. 6. All the estate both real and personal of said corporation wheresoever located, whatever its condition or whenever acquired shall be exempt from taxation by any municipal corporation of this state and shall also be exempt from all state taxes: Provided, that real estate owned by the corporation and not used for the corporate purposes shall not be so exempt.

Sec. 7. No person shall be refused admission to said college as a student, nor shall any person be denied any of the privileges, honors or degrees of said college on account of the religious opinions he may entertain.

Sec. 8. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND.
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE.
PROVIDENCE.

I HEREBY CERTIFY the foregoing to be a true copy of the original Act approved by His Excellency the Governor on the 14th day of February in the year 1917.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the State of Rhode Island this 8th day of March in the year 1917.



J. Fred Parker
Secretary of State.