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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

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AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF AN ACT OF THE PUBLIC LAWS OF 1959 ENTITLED "AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF AN ACT, ENTITLED 'AN ACT TO INCORPORATE CERTAIN PERSONS BY THE NAME OF THE RHODE ISLAND EPISCOPAL CONVENTION,' PASSED AT THE JANUARY SESSION 1844, AND OF SEVERAL ACTS IN AMENDMENT THEREOF AND IN ADDITION THERETO"

Introduced By: Representative Brian C.Newberry

Date Introduced: February 27, 2014

Referred To: House Corporations

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF AN ACT OF THE PUBLIC LAWS OF 1959  
2 ENTITLED "AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF AN ACT, ENTITLED 'AN ACT TO  
3 INCORPORATE CERTAIN PERSONS BY THE NAME OF THE RHODE ISLAND  
4 EPISCOPAL CONVENTION,' PASSED AT THE JANUARY SESSION 1844, AND OF  
5 SEVERAL ACTS IN AMENDMENT THEREOF AND IN ADDITION THERETO"

6 It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

7 SECTION 1. Section 1 of an Act of the Public Laws of 1959 entitled "AN ACT IN  
8 AMENDMENT OF AN ACT OF THE PUBLIC LAWS OF 1959 ENTITLED 'AN ACT IN  
9 AMENDMENT OF AN ACT, ENTITLED 'AN ACT TO INCORPORATE CERTAIN  
10 PERSONS BY THE NAME OF THE RHODE ISLAND EPISCOPAL CONVENTION,'  
11 PASSED AT THE JANUARY SESSION 1844, AND OF SEVERAL ACTS IN AMENDMENT  
12 THEREOF AND IN ADDITION THERETO,'" is hereby further amended to read as follows:

13 Section 1. That John P. K. Henshaw, Nathan B. Crocker, George W. Hathaway, Lilas A.  
14 Crane, Thomas Burgess, Resolved Waterman, George Mumford, and such others as are members  
15 of the convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the diocese of Rhode Island, and their  
16 successors, chosen according to the constitution of the corporation, be and they hereby are created  
17 and made a corporation and body politic forever, by the name and style of "The Diocese of

1 Rhode Island;<sup>22</sup> and by that name shall be, and hereby are created, and made capable in law in  
2 addition to ~~and exclusive of~~ church buildings and the fixtures and furniture thereof and lands of  
3 the same, and parsonage houses and lands for the same, as well as all other forms of real and  
4 personal property, and tangible and intangible property, including, but not limited to, endowment  
5 funds, to purchase, receive, have, own, possess, and enjoy other lands, tenements, hereditaments,  
6 goods, chattels, and estate of any kind or nature whatsoever ~~not exceeding six million dollars~~  
7 ~~(\$6,000,000)~~ without any financial limitation on the amount or value of such property that may  
8 be held by the corporation and its successors; and the same to sell, grant, demise, and dispose of;  
9 to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered, defend and be defended  
10 against, in courts of record, or in any other place whatsoever; also to make, have, and use a  
11 common seal, and the same to break, alter, or renew at pleasure. Also to enact, establish and put  
12 in execution such canons, by-laws, ordinances, and regulations, they not being contrary to the  
13 constitution of this state or the laws thereof, or the Constitution of the United States, as to it shall  
14 seem expedient; and also to alter its said constitution contained. The said corporation and its real  
15 and personal estate shall be exempt from all taxes imposed by the state and by any political  
16 subdivision thereof; which said exemption shall apply to all taxes imposed by law upon the right  
17 to receive real and personal estate.

18 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
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1           This act would remove any financial limits on the value of property, both real and  
2 personal, tangible and intangible, that could be owned by the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island.

3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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