

CHAP. XI.

An Act to incorporate a number of the Inhabitants of the towns of Ashby and Fitchburg, in the south-west part of the county of Middlesex, and the north part of the county of Worcester, into a distinct and separate Religious Society, by the name of The First Baptist Society in Ashby and Fitchburg.

Persons incorporated.

SEC. 1. **BE** *it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same,* That Samuel Gibson, Samuel Caswell, Simeon Shattuck, Daniel Rayond, John Pratt, Solomon Gibson, Phinchas Wetherbee, Warren Chase, Adam Stone, Joshua Bowers, Eli Haines, Jacob M'Intire, Stephen Gibson, Jonathan Daby, Samuel Gibson, jr. Stephen Gibson, Edmund Flint, Jonathan Page, Edward Burnap, Israel Wetherbee, Silas Wetherbee, the widow Mary Foster, Abraham Gibson, Timothy Gibson, Abel Gibson, Moses Jewett, Jacob Puffer, Joseph Wetherbee, Daniel M'Intire, Levi Crouch, Mirah Shattuck, Nathan Badcock, Charles Lawrence, Daniel Raymond, jun. Joel Page, the widow Sarah Davis, and Benjamin Wallis, members of the said religious society, with their polls and estates, be, and they are hereby incorporated into a religious society, by the name of The First Baptist Society in Ashby and Fitchburg, with all the privileges, powers, and immunities which other parishes or religious societies in this Commonwealth are by law entitled to.

Persons becoming members to obtain a certificate.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That any person who may hereafter join with, and unite in religious worship with the said Baptist society, and give in his or her name to the clerk of either of the towns or parishes to which he or she may belong, with a certificate signed by the minister or clerk of the said Baptist society, that he or she hath become a member of, and united in religious worship with the said Baptist society fourteen days previous to the town or parish meeting, to be holden in the month of March or April annually, shall, from and after giving such certificate be considered, with his or her polls and estate as belonging to said Baptist society. *Provided however,* That all such persons shall pay their proportion

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of all monies assessed in the town or parish to which they belonged previous to that time.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That when any member of said Baptist society shall see cause, or be inclined to leave said society, and join in religious worship with the parish to which he or she formerly belonged, and shall leave a certificate with the clerk of said Baptist society signed by the minister or clerk of the town or parish where such person formerly belonged, that he or she actually becomes a member of, and united in religious worship with such town or parish, fourteen days previous to their annual meeting, holden in the month of March or April, and shall pay up his or her proportion of all monies actually assessed in said Baptist society previous thereto; such person shall from and after giving such certificate with his or her polls and estates, be considered as belonging to the society to which he or she hath so united.

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted,* That either of the Justices of the peace for the county of Middlesex or Worcester upon application therefor, is hereby authorised to issue a warrant directed to some member of the said Baptist society, requiring him to notify and warn the members thereof, to meet at such convenient time and place as shall be appointed in said warrant, for the choice of all such officers as other parishes are by law required to choose at their annual meetings.

Justice to issue warrant for meeting.

[This act passed June 14, 1810.]

CHAP. XII.

An Act supplementary to the act to incorporate the Proprietors of St. Peter's Church in Salem, in the county of Essex.

WHEREAS in and by the third section of the said act it is provided, that in default of payment for one year after publick notice of any assessment, the pew or seat upon which such deficiency arises shall revert to the corporation, and may be sold in such way and manner as they shall agree, but no provision is made declaring what shall be publick notice of any such assess-

Preamble.