

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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MEMORANDUM OF COMMISSIONER OF CORPORATIONS AND TAXATION PURSUANT TO GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 3, SECTION 7, WITH RESPECT TO PETITION OF ARTHUR J. EDDY AND OTHERS FOR LEGISLATION TO ENABLE THE CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH OF CHICOPEE, MASSACHUSETTS, THE CENTRAL BAPTIST SOCIETY OF CHICOPEE AND THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN CHICOPEE, MASSACHUSETTS, TO COMPLETE THEIR CONSOLIDATION.

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JANUARY 18, 1962.

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives.*

The above-named petition was transmitted to me by the Clerk of the House of Representatives on December 20, 1961, with a request for a memorandum.

Central Baptist Church of Chicopee, Massachusetts, was incorporated in 1917.

Central Baptist Society of Chicopee was declared a corporation in Chapter 384 of the Acts of 1887.

First Baptist Church in Chicopee, Massachusetts Inc. was incorporated in 1894.

For references to the latter two corporations see Public Document No. 52, Tenth Report, on the custody and condition of the Public Records of Parishes, Towns and Counties by Robert T. Swan, Commissioner, 1898.

It is respectfully suggested that the names of the corporations noted in the bill be corrected so as to conform with their true technical names as set forth in this memorandum.

The bill before your honorable bodies seeks to consolidate the three aforementioned corporations into one corporation under the name of First Central Baptist Church. It appears to be properly drafted.

Special legislation is required to effect the desired result. No fee is payable.

Respectfully submitted,

GUY J. RIZZOTTO,  
*Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation.*

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By Mr. Rider of Needham, petition of Arthur J. Eddy and others for legislation to enable the Central Baptist Church of Chicopee, Massachusetts, the Central Baptist Society of Chicopee, Massachusetts, and the First Baptist Church in Chicopee, Massachusetts, to complete their consolidation. Mercantile Affairs.

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Two.

AN ACT ENABLING THE CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH OF CHICOPEE, MASSACHUSETTS, THE CENTRAL BAPTIST SOCIETY OF CHICOPEE AND THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN CHICOPEE, MASSACHUSETTS, TO COMPLETE THEIR CONSOLIDATION.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. The Central Baptist Church of Chicopee, Massa-  
2 chusetts, incorporated in the year nineteen hundred and seventeen,  
3 the Central Baptist Society of Chicopee under a change of name  
4 by chapter three hundred and eighty-four of the acts of eighteen  
5 hundred and eighty-seven, and the First Baptist Church in  
6 Chicopee, Massachusetts, incorporated in eighteen hundred and  
7 ninety-four, which are and are hereby declared to be religious  
8 corporations existing under the laws of the commonwealth, are  
9 hereby authorized to consolidate into one corporation, under the  
10 name of the First Central Baptist Church, located in Chicopee  
11 Falls, with all the privileges, powers and immunities which said  
12 existing corporations have heretofore acquired or enjoyed by  
13 statute or otherwise, and with the powers, privileges and im-  
14 munities set forth in all general laws pertaining to religious  
15 societies or churches and all acts in amendment thereof and in  
16 addition thereto, which consolidated corporation shall in all  
17 respects be a continuation of and the lawful successor to said  
18 existing corporations.

1 SECTION 2. Upon such consolidation all property of said ex-  
2 isting corporations, including all bequests, devises, gifts and

3 transfers of any kind heretofore made to them, shall vest in and  
4 may be received by said consolidated corporation, and all be-  
5 quests, devises, gifts and transfers of any kind hereafter made to  
6 or for the benefit of said existing corporations shall vest in said  
7 consolidated corporation, and said consolidated corporation shall  
8 have with respect to such property and with respect to such  
9 bequests, devises, gifts and transfers, whether heretofore or here-  
10 after made, the same powers, rights and privileges as would have  
11 been possessed by said existing corporations had such consolida-  
12 tion not been effected; provided, that no property hereafter be-  
13 queathed, devised or given to any of said existing corporations  
14 upon specific and limited charitable uses and trusts, as dis-  
15 tinguished from property held by, or hereafter bequeathed, de-  
16 vised or given to them for their general purposes, shall be so re-  
17 ceived unless authorized by decree of a court of competent  
18 jurisdiction.

1 SECTION 3. The officers, or any of them, of each of said ex-  
2 isting corporations are hereby respectively authorized to execute  
3 and deliver all instruments and to perform all such other acts as  
4 may be necessary or proper to carry out and implement the con-  
5 solidation authorized by this act.

1 SECTION 4. Said consolidated corporation shall assume and is  
2 hereby charged with the payment of all valid and existing obli-  
3 gations of said existing corporations.

1 SECTION 5. All members of the existing corporations shall  
2 become members of said consolidated corporation on the effec-  
3 tive date of this act. New members may be admitted to the con-  
4 solidated corporation thereafter in accordance with the provisions  
5 of the constitution and by-laws of the consolidated corporation.

1 SECTION 6. The proceedings and votes of the Central Baptist  
2 Church of Chicopee, Massachusetts, the Central Baptist Society  
3 of Chicopee and the First Baptist Church in Chicopee, Massa-  
4 chusetts, relative to the consolidation of said churches and their  
5 change of names, taken prior to the acceptance of this act, and  
6 all acts in pursuance thereof, are hereby ratified, confirmed and  
7 validated, any informalities, errors or omissions to the contrary  
8 notwithstanding.

1 SECTION 7. Upon acceptance of this act by a majority of the  
2 members of each of said corporations present and voting at meet-  
3 ings duly called for the purpose, certified copies of the respective  
4 votes of acceptance, sworn to by the respective clerks or re-  
5 cording officers of said corporations, shall be filed for record in the  
6 registry of deeds for the county of Hampden and in the office of  
7 the state secretary, and, upon such filing said union and merger  
8 shall be complete, and thereupon the persons who are then mem-  
9 bers of said Central Baptist Church of Chicopee, Massachusetts,  
10 Central Baptist Society of Chicopee and First Baptist Church  
11 in Chicopee, Massachusetts, shall become members of said First  
12 Central Baptist Church.





