

SENATE . . . . . No. 64.

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[To accompany the petition of P. M. Neal and others, for legislation to provide for the appointment of trustees for preparative meetings of the Society of Friends or Quakers. Parishes and Religious Societies.]

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred.

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AN ACT

To provide for the Appointment of Trustees for  
Preparative Meetings of the Society of Friends or  
Quakers.

*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. Any monthly meeting of the peo-  
2 ple called Friends may appoint, in such manner  
3 and for such time as the monthly meeting may  
4 decide, three members of any preparative meet-  
5 ing belonging to or forming a part of said monthly  
6 meeting to act as a board of trustees, who shall  
7 with their successors be a body corporate for the  
8 purpose of taking, holding, managing or convey-

9 ing any real estate now owned or that may here-  
10 after be acquired whether by purchase or by  
11 legacy by such preparative meeting. Said trus-  
12 tees shall be subject to all the provisions of chap-  
13 ter thirty-nine, section eight of the revised  
14 statutes applicable to the overseers of any  
15 monthly meeting, and any real estate the legal  
16 title of which is now vested in the overseers of  
17 such monthly meeting as a body corporate shall  
18 be transferred by said overseers to said trustees  
19 to be held in trust in like manner by them.

1 SECTION 2. No conveyance of said real estate  
2 shall be effectual to pass the same if made by the  
3 aforesaid trustees without the consent in writing  
4 being granted them by the preparative meeting as  
5 the decision of said meeting.

1 SECTION 3. Nothing in this act shall be con-  
2 strued to affect the powers of the overseers of  
3 any monthly meeting as set forth in section eight  
4 of chapter thirty-nine of the revised statutes to  
5 receive, hold, manage or convey any personal  
6 estate made to the use and benefit of such  
7 monthly meeting or to the use and benefit of any  
8 preparative meeting belonging thereto.

1 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its  
2 passage.