

**Chap. 345.** AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MERGER AND UNION OF THE BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH WITH THE STOUGHTON STREET BAPTIST CHURCH IN DORCHESTER, BOTH OF BOSTON, AND THE TRANSFER OF THE PROPERTY OF SAID BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH TO THE STOUGHTON STREET BAPTIST CHURCH IN DORCHESTER.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The Bethany Baptist Church, of Boston, duly organized under the laws of the commonwealth, is hereby authorized to merge in and unite with the Stoughton Street Baptist Church in Dorchester, a corporation so organized and said Stoughton Street Baptist Church in Dorchester shall in all respects be a continuance of, and the lawful successor to, said Bethany Baptist Church, with all the privileges, powers and immunities to which other religious corporations in the commonwealth are entitled.

SECTION 2. Upon said merger and union, the treasurer of said Bethany Baptist Church is hereby authorized to execute and deliver all papers and documents that may be deemed necessary and proper for effecting the transfer of its property of every kind to said Stoughton Street Baptist Church in Dorchester.

SECTION 3. All bequests, devises, conveyances and gifts heretofore or hereafter made to said Bethany Baptist Church, however described, and all the powers and privileges thereof, shall vest in said Stoughton Street Baptist Church in Dorchester, and all trusts heretofore or hereafter vested in any of said corporations shall be preserved inviolate, and all powers relating to such trusts shall have full force and effect in said Stoughton Street Baptist Church in Dorchester, in so far as such authority and right may be granted by statute.

SECTION 4. Whatever right or authority is granted or conferred by this act is hereby declared to be limited to such authority or right as the general court may constitutionally grant or confer, without prejudice to any proceeding that may be instituted in any court of competent jurisdiction to effect the purposes of this act.

SECTION 5. The proceedings and votes of said Bethany Baptist Church and said Stoughton Street Baptist Church in Dorchester, relating to the merger and union of said churches, and acts and doings thereunder, are hereby ratified and confirmed, notwithstanding any informalities, errors or omissions.

SECTION 6. Upon acceptance of this act by a majority of the members of each of said corporations present and voting at meetings duly called for the purpose, certified copies of the respective votes of acceptance, sworn to by the respective clerks or recording officers of said corporations, shall be filed for record in the registry of deeds for the county of Suffolk and in the office of the state secretary, and, upon such filing said union and merger shall be complete, and thereupon the persons who are then members of said Bethany Baptist Church shall become members of said Stoughton Street Baptist Church in Dorchester.

*Approved May 26, 1959.*