

HOUSE . . . . No. 109.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Feb. 24, 1887.

The Committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, to whom was referred the petition to confirm and make valid the organization and proceedings of the Orthodox Congregational Society of Ayer and to change its name, report the accompanying Bill.

For the Committee,

JAMES F. D. GARFIELD.

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-seven.

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### AN ACT

To confirm and make Valid the Organization and Proceedings of the Orthodox Congregational Society of Ayer, and to change the Name of said Organization.

*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 organization as a corporation  
2 of the Union Orthodox Congregational Society  
3 of Groton Junction, afterwards known as the  
4 Orthodox Congregational Society of Groton  
5 Junction and as the Orthodox Congregational  
6 Society of Ayer, which organization was origi-  
7 nally effected under the general laws of this Com-  
8 monwealth, and all gifts, devises, bequests and  
9 conveyances to said corporation of real or per-  
10 sonal estate under either of said names or under  
11 whatsoever name the same shall have been made,

12 and the records of said corporation under what-  
13 soever name the same appear to be written, and  
14 all acts done and performed by its officers in their  
15 official or supposed official capacities as officers  
16 of said corporation, or by its committees, are  
17 hereby fully ratified and confirmed, and the same  
18 shall be taken and deemed to be good and valid  
19 in law to all intents and purposes whatsoever; and  
20 the several persons now appearing by the records  
21 of said corporation to have been chosen as offi-  
22 cers or committees thereof at its last annual meet-  
23 ing are hereby authorized to perform all their  
24 respective official duties until their successors  
25 shall be chosen and qualified, and said corpora-  
26 tion is authorized to dispose of any and all of its  
27 real and personal property by deed or deeds  
28 signed by the standing committee of said cor-  
29 poration, they being first instructed so to do by  
30 a vote of the corporation at a meeting duly called  
31 for that purpose.

32 Nothing in this act shall be construed to con-  
33 tinue in force any by-law of said corporation  
34 repugnant to the laws of the Commonwealth.

1 SECT. 2. The corporate name of said society  
2 shall be the Orthodox Congregational Society in  
3 Ayer.

1 SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon its  
2 passage.

