

HOUSE No. 1226.

[Bill accompanying the petition of Francis A. Gaskill, and other members of committee on United Church, for legislation to authorize a union between the First Baptist Church and Parish and the Main Street Baptist Church of Worcester. Parishes and Religious Societies. March 20.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Three.

AN ACT

To authorize the Union of the First Baptist Church and Parish of Worcester and the Main Street Baptist Church of Worcester.

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 First Baptist Church and
2 parish of the city of Worcester and the Main
3 Street Baptist Church of said city are hereby
4 authorized to unite with each other, upon such
5 terms as have been or may be mutually agreed
6 upon by the vote of said churches and parish at
7 meetings called for that purpose; and such votes

8 so passed by said churches and parish respec-
9 tively shall be effectual to unite them within the
10 intent and meaning of this act.

1 SECTION 2. The united church authorized by
2 this act shall be the First Baptist Church of
3 Worcester, Massachusetts, a corporation already
4 organized under the Revised Laws, chapter thirty-
5 six, sections forty-seven to fifty-four, and said
6 corporation shall have and enjoy all the fran-
7 chises, powers, privileges, property and rights of
8 every kind belonging to the First Baptist Church
9 and parish and to the Main Street Baptist Church,
10 or either of them, and shall assume and be sub-
11 ject to all the duties, debts and liabilities of said
12 churches and parish, or either of them, and shall
13 be subject to all general laws which now are or
14 hereafter may be in force relating to religious
15 corporations.

1 SECTION 3. The conveyance of the church
2 property of the First Baptist Church and parish
3 at Salem square, in said Worcester, to the Roman
4 Catholic bishop of Springfield is hereby ratified,
5 and the title so given by deed, dated July nine,
6 nineteen hundred and two, is confirmed. The con-
7 veyance of the property of the Main Street Bap-
8 tist Church situated at the corner of Main and
9 Hermon streets, in said Worcester, to the united
10 church by deed of February three, nineteen hun-
11 dred and three, signed by the deacons of said
12 Main Street Baptist Church, is also confirmed,

13 and authority is hereby given said united church
14 corporation, known as the First Baptist Church
15 of Worcester, Massachusetts, to sell and convey
16 said property and give a valid title, proceeds of
17 such sale or conveyance to be used for the benefit
18 of the united church.

1 SECTION 4. The First Baptist Parish of
2 Worcester, Massachusetts, having by lawful and
3 unanimous vote of its members disposed of its
4 entire parish property and assets for the benefit
5 of the united church, and it appearing further
6 that the parish owes no debts, and it appearing
7 that the object for which said parish was created
8 has ceased to exist, said parish is hereby dissolved.

1 SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon its
2 passage.

