

**METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCHES (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 11 of 1899**

**458.24 Articles of association; execution and acknowledgment; filing articles and certificate with department of commerce; members of church as body politic or corporation.**

Sec. 4. Said articles of association shall be executed in duplicate, and acknowledged before some officer authorized by law to take acknowledgment of deeds. One of such duplicate copies shall be retained by such corporation and 1 copy shall be filed with the corporation and securities bureau of the department of commerce. When said articles of association and said certificate of the presiding elder shall have been filed with the corporation and securities bureau of the department of commerce, the said persons so signing said articles of association, and their associates and fellow members of said church, and all who may thereafter become members of said church according to the discipline, rules, and usages of the Methodist Episcopal church, shall thereby become, and thenceforth be, a body politic or corporation, by the name expressed in said articles of association, with all the powers, rights, and privileges appertaining to religious corporations by the laws of this state.

**History:** 1899, Act 11, Imd. Eff. Mar. 2, 1899;—CL 1915, 10918;—CL 1929, 10849;—CL 1948, 458.24;—Am. 1982, Act 74, Imd. Eff. Apr. 19, 1982.