

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES (EXCERPT)
Act 53 of 1901

458.304a Congregational churches; by-laws, adoption, subjects, amendment or repeal.

Sec. 4a. Every such corporation shall have authority to adopt by-laws at any regular or special meeting called for that purpose, upon the approval of such proposed by-laws by a majority vote of its membership. The notice of such regular or special meeting shall contain a statement that by-laws are to be considered for adoption, alteration, amendment or repeal, except as otherwise prescribed in this act, or the articles of association, said by-laws may determine the qualification of members; the manner in which they shall be admitted, suspended or expelled; the number and official title of the person or persons who control the business and religious affairs of such corporation; their terms of office; the manner of their selection and removal from office; their respective official duties; the time and manner of calling and holding church business meetings and the number of members constituting a quorum; the manner and condition under which property, both real and personal, may be acquired, held and disposed of; provisions for direction and control of the board of trustees in the exercise of their powers and duties; provisions not inconsistent with the articles of association for officers, their designations and duties and for the qualification of members to vote at meetings; and such other by-laws as may be deemed necessary for the management of the business and religious affairs of such corporation. The by-laws may prescribe how the same may be altered, amended or repealed.

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