

16:12-16

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

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(Protestant Episcopal Church - broadens powers)

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This bill will broaden the powers of a Protestant Episcopal Church convention to declare a parish extinct.

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ASSEMBLY, No. 1855

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED APRIL 30, 1984

By Assemblyman FRELINGHUYSEN

AN ACT concerning the Protestant Episcopal Church and amending  
R. S. 16:12-16.

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
2 *of New Jersey:*

1 1. R. S. 16:12-16 is amended to read as follows:

2 16:12-16. If and when the convention of said church which has  
3 ecclesiastical jurisdiction over a parish shall determine that regular  
4 church services are no longer maintained by such parish, *or that the*  
5 *parish no longer elects wardens and a vestry in accordance with its*  
6 *certificate of incorporation*, said convention may declare such  
7 parish extinct, and thereupon the corporation having title to the  
8 property of said parish shall be thereby dissolved and the property  
9 of said parish and all rights and interest of said parish pertaining  
10 to property shall vest in the corporation organized to hold in trust  
11 property under the control of said convention, in trust, for the  
12 same religious purposes and with the power of disposition and sale  
13 to the same extent as the same vested or would have vested in the  
14 corporation having title to the property of said parish before it  
15 became extinct; *provided, however*, that this act shall not affect  
16 the reversionary interest of any person or persons in such property.  
17 Said property and the income therefrom and the proceeds of sale  
18 thereof shall be applied to religious and charitable uses connected  
19 with the church, and the convention may direct the use to which the  
20 same or any part thereof shall be applied, and may direct the trans-

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21 fer thereof or any part thereof to any incorporated parish or other  
22 corporation, the funds of which are devoted to carrying on any of  
23 the objects or purposes of said church in said diocese. If and when  
24 the convention of said church shall make such determination and  
25 declare a parish extinct, a certificate of such action by the con-  
26 vention under the seal of the convention, signed by the bishop or  
27 other officer who presided at the meeting of the convention at which  
28 such action was taken and attested by the secretary of said con-  
29 vention and duly acknowledged, shall be filed and recorded in the  
30 office of the county clerk of the county where the certificate of in-  
31 corporation of said parish has been filed, or where such extinct  
32 parish is located.

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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#### STATEMENT

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