

CHAPTER 231 LAWS OF N. J. 1968  
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**SENATE, No. 630**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

INTRODUCED APRIL 1, 1968

By Senators STOUT, WHITE and CRABIEL

(Without Reference)

AN ACT authorizing the use of the name "The United Methodist Church" by religious corporations and churches heretofore known as "The Methodist Church," "The Evangelical United Brethren Church," "Methodist Episcopal Church," "Methodist Protestant Church," or "Methodist Episcopal Church South;" and repealing chapter 253 of the laws of 1940, approved January 20, 1941.

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

1 1. Notwithstanding any other general, special or local law, all  
2 religious corporations or churches heretofore authorized to use, or  
3 known by, the names "The Methodist Church," "The Evangelical  
4 United Brethren Church," "Methodist Episcopal Church,"  
5 "Methodist Protestant Church," or "Methodist Episcopal Church  
6 South," and all societies, conferences, boards, associations or other  
7 organizations directly connected therewith, are hereby authorized  
8 and empowered to assume and use the name "The United Methodist  
9 Church."

10 Nothing contained herein shall be deemed to limit, change, affect  
11 or alter any other existing right, power, property, obligation, lia-  
12 bility or duty of any such religious corporation or church.

1 2. Chapter 253 of the laws of 1940, approved January 20, 1941,  
2 is repealed.

1 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

**STATEMENT**

In 1939 the Methodist Episcopal Church, Methodist Protestant Church and Methodist Episcopal Church South were united to form The Methodist Church. As of 1968 The Methodist Church and The Evangelical United Brethren Church are uniting to form The

United Methodist Church. The purpose of this act is to authorize the uniting churches, their antecedents and their related organizations to assume and use the name "The United Methodist Church" without necessity of amending individual certificates or articles of incorporation.