

**AN ACT TO INCORPORATE
“THE CHICAGO DISTRICT CAMP GROUND ASSOCIATION”**

SECTION 1: Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois represented in the General assembly: that George F. Foster, Charles M. Lindgren, ransom F. Clough, Robert W. Meacham, Thomas C. Hoag, Joseph E. Kennicott, John B. Ayers, James S. Kirk and Eldridge J. Rider, Trustees and their successors in office be and they are hereby created and constituted a body politic and corporate under the name and style of “THE CHICAGO DISTRICT CAMP GROUND ASSOCIATION” and henceforth should be known by that name and style and have perpetual succession with power to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded to acquire and hold such property real and personal as shall be necessary for carrying into successful effect of the objects of said association to have and use a common seal to make and alter from time to time such Bylaws as they may deem necessary for the proper management and control of the property grounds and personality of such association and for the government of said Association its officers and servants – provided such Bylaws are not inconsistent with the Constitution and Laws of this State and/or the United States.
Originated in the House of Representatives: S.G. Paddock, Clerk

SECTION 2: The object of said Association shall be to furnish convenient and accessible grounds within the town of Maine in the County of Cook in said State of Illinois for the holding of camp Meetings under the direction and authority of churches in connection with the Rock River Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church in the State and for that purpose the said Association is hereby empowered to purchase or acquire by donation a tract of land in said town of Maine of not exceeding eighty acres – and the same to improve – adorn and fix up for use as aforesaid at its discretion and while such grounds shall be used for religious meetings the same with the improvements and fixtures shall be exempt from taxation.

SECTION 3: Said Association may elect at the annual Camp Meeting to be held during the year A.D. 1867 or in default of such meeting being held, at the first Camp Meeting held after the passage of this act; by The Preacher and one lay member elected by the quarterly conference of each charge in the Rock River Conference choosing to be represented in said Association Nine Trustees of said Association. Three of said Trustees to hold office for the term of one year, three to hold office for the term of two years and three to hold office for the term of three years and until their successors shall be elected and thereafter at the Annual Meeting of said Association, said Association may elect Trustees of said Association to fill the vacancies occasioned by the death, removal, resignation or expiration of office of any Trustee, which Trustees shall hold office for the term of three years and until their successors shall be appointed.

SECTION 4: The said Trustee shall have power to appoint a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer from their number and to employ such agents and servants as may be necessary for the purpose of carrying out the object of said Association.

SECTION 5: The said Trustees and their successors and the officers and servants of said Association shall each and every one of them during the occupancy of the grounds of said Association by religious assemblies be vested with police powers with authority to arrest upon view all persons guilty of any breach of the peace – disorderly conduct, disturbance of such religious assembly infraction of the published rules of said Association or any offense against the laws of this State and take offenders before any justice or justices of the peace in Cook County to be dealt with according to law and such justice or justices are hereby authorized to hold court on said premises.

SECTION 6: The said Association shall have power and are hereby vested with authority to prohibit upon its grounds and for a space of one hundred and sixty rods in width on all sides of their grounds the selling or giving away of all fermented vinous or spirituous liquors and to prohibit huckstering and selling of all articles calculated to disturb religious meetings, and may under its police powers above conferred arrest any person in the act of so selling or giving way any articles to the disturbance of such meetings and take him or her before a justice of the peace to be dealt with according to the provisions of Section 7 of this Act.

SECTION 7: Any person who shall be guilty of selling or giving away any fermented vinous or spirituous liquors or selling any articles to the disturbance of such meetings contrary to the provisions of any Bylaw of said Association enacted under the provisions of Sections 6, of this Act shall be subject to a fine of not exceeding fifty dollars for each and every offense recoverable before any justice of the peace of said County Of Cook.

SECTION 8: No person shall be liable as an offender against any of the provisions of this Act or any Bylaw of said Association unless said association shall have posted in a conspicuous place or places the full tenor of such Bylaw or provision against which such offense shall have been committed.

SECTION 9: This Act shall be in force from and after its passage.

Signed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives

Signed by the Speaker of the Senate Approved March, 1867