

AN ACT TO CHARTER AND INCORPORATE ERSKINE COLLEGE, AT DUE WEST, IN ABBEVILLE DISTRICT.

I. Be it enacted, by the Senate and the House of Representatives, now met and sitting in General Assembly, and by the authority of the same, that the honorable John Belton O’Neill, A. Hadden, J. L. Ellis, Dr. Enoch Agnew, Dr. George W. Pressly, Dr. W. Anderson, Dr. J. W. Hearst, Dr. A. Chalmers, P. H. Bradley, W. H. Bradley, E. E. Pressly, Samuel Donald, D. O. Hawthorn, W. Wright, J. Hemphill, W. R. Hemphill, J. Lindsay, J. J. Bonner, J. C. Chalmers, J. L. Young, J. Boyce, D. Lesley, J. Galloway, R. C. Grier, J. R. Wilson, J. Pratt, John Walker, H. A. Jones, A. C. Hawthorn and J. M. Young, 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 Trustees of Erskine College,” a seminary of learning, situated at Due West, in Abbeville District, in the State of South Carolina, and as such, and by said name of The Trustees of Erskine College, shall be capable and liable in and equity, to sue and be sued, to plead and be impleaded, to use a common seal, and to make such by-laws and rules for the regulation and government of said College, as they may deem necessary: Provided Said by-laws and rules be not repugnant to the Constitution and laws of this State, or of the United States.

II. That the said Board of Trustees are, and shall be authorized to appoint such officers as they may think necessary and proper for the organization and government of their own body, and also all the officers, professors, tutors and instructors, of and in said College: Provided , that the Associate Reformed Synod of the South, or any other assembly to which said Synod may transfer its authority, shall have the power of confirming or annulling such appointments, and of exercising a general control and supervision over the officers, affairs and government of said College.

III. That the said Board of Trustees shall have power and authority to confer and award all such distinctions, honors and licenses and degrees, as are usually conferred and awarded in the Colleges and Universities of the United States.

IV. That the said Board of Trustees and their successors shall have and hold all the estate, property and funds now belonging to said College, and all property, funds, money, donations, legacies and devices which may hereafter be granted, conveyed, bequeathed and devised, or given to said College, in trust, nevertheless, for the use and benefit of said College.

V. That the Trustees shall be appointed or chosen for the term of four years, by the Associate Reformed Synod of the South; and said Trustees shall be divided, as equally as may be, in two classes, so that one half may be chosen every second year after said division takes place; and said Synod shall have power and authority to fill all vacancies in said Board of Trustees which shall occur by death, resignation or otherwise.

VI. That it shall not be lawful for any person to establish or keep, in any direction within two miles of the said College, any house or store or shop for retailing ardent spirits.

VII. That this Act shall be taken and deemed to be a public Act, and continue in force for the term of twenty-one years, and from thence until the adjournment of the next General Assembly thereafter.

In the Senate House, the twentieth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty, and in the seventy-fifth year of the sovereignty and independence of the United States of America.

ROBERT F. W. ALLSTON, President of the Senate. JAMES SIMONS, Speaker House of Representatives.

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