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AN ACT to incorporate a number of inhabitants of the North Parish in the town of Hingham, in the county of Plymouth, into a religious society, by the name of the Third Congregational Society in Hingham.

WHEREAS, a number of the inhabitants of the North Parish of Hingham, have petitioned this court to be incorporated into a religious society; and it appearing reasonable to this court that the prayer of their petition should be granted—

SECT. 1. Be it therefore enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That

Joseph Thaxter, Benjamin Cushing, Benjamin Lincoln, Thomas Gill, Joseph Blake, Levi Lincoln, Ebed Hearsey, Samuel Norton, Noah Hearsey, Joseph Hammond, Jairus Leavit, Moses Whiton, Isaiah Cushing, John Barker, Thomas Andrews, Thomas Thaxter, jun., Thomas Loring, William Cushing, Jacob Thaxter, Thomas Thaxter, Abner Lincoln, John Souther, Peter Loring, Ephraim Andrews, Peter Hearsey, David Lane, Benjamin Andrews, Daniel Thaxter, Henry Nye, David Lincoln, jun., John Beal, jun., Levi Lincoln, jun., Samuel Andrews, Caleb Bates, Loring Bailey, Perez Lincoln, Nathaniel Wilder, Peter Hearsey, jun., Edward Thaxter, Jarad Lane, Rachel Loring, Christiana Loring, Sarah Lane, Susanna Thaxter, Chrissy Cushing, Susanna Barker, Susan Barker, Deborah Barker, Sarah Barker, Bethiah Barker, Samuel Norton, jun., Jerusha Howard, Jerom Cushing, Abigail Thaxter, Ruth Loring, Elizabeth Loring, Celia Thaxter, Hannah Thaxter, Elizabeth Thaxter, Quincy Thaxter, Lydia Loring, Abigail Lane, Caleb Thaxter, John Basset, Ezra Whiton, Nathan Lincoln, Thomas Wilder, jun., David Lincoln, Seth Stoddard, Lydia Stoddard, Nabby Bangs, Warren Burr, Ebenezer Gay, Robert Thaxter, George French, George Barnes, Caleb Rice, John Souther, jun., Martin Lincoln, Benjamin Jones, Samuel Hobert, Ensign Barnes, Joseph Hammond, jun., Canterbury Barnes, John Beal, Mary Cushing, Ezekiel Lincoln, Elijah Whiton, 3d, Nathan Rice, Spiller Fillmore, Laban Folger, Beza Lincoln, Jonathan Lincoln, Asa Lincoln, Ambrose Lathrop, Reuben Stoddard, David Andrews, Silence Cushing, and Starks Whiton, the petitioners, with their polls and estates, now lying within said north parish, and what they shall respectively hold on the first day of May annually, in said parish, shall belong to said Third Religious Society, be, and hereby are incorporated into a religious society, by the name of the Third Congregational Society in Hingham, with all the privileges, powers and immunities, to which other religious societies in this Commonwealth are by law entitled.

SECT. 2. Be it further enacted, That any of the members belonging to the said north parish, or the said Third Congregational Society, desiring to change their relation from one parish to the other, shall have full right and liberty so to do, with their polls and estate, at any time previous to the first day of February, which will be in the year of our Lord one-thousand eight hundred and eight; provided, they shall signify in writing, under their hands, to the clerks of the said parish and society, their wish and determination to be considered members of said parish or society, and they shall accordingly be recorded as such by the said clerks.

SECT. 3. Be it further enacted. That all young persons within the limits of said north parish, when they shall attain the age of twenty-one years, shall have full liberty, at any time within

twelve months after they shall attain said age, to join, with their polls and estates as aforesaid, the said parish or society, by signifying in writing their determination to the clerks of said parish and society, to which parish or society it is their wish to join.

SECT. 4. Be it further enacted, That if any person who may hereafter settle within the limits of said parish, shall be desirous to join the society aforesaid, he shall have full liberty to do it, any time within twelve months from his settlement in the parish, by signifying his determination of the same, in the manner pointed out in the third section of this act.

SECT. 5. And be it further enacted, That Samuel Norton, Esq. or any other Justice of the Peace, in the county of Plymouth, be, and he is hereby authorized to issue his warrant directed to some member of the said Third Congregational Society, requiring him to warn the members of the said society, qualified to vote in parish affairs, to assemble at such convenient and suitable time and place as shall be expressed in the said warrant, to choose such officers as parishes are by law required to choose in the month of March or April annually, and to transact all other matters and things for the well-being of said society. [Feb. 13, 1807.]