



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 232

LCO No. 3078

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:
(JUD)

AN ACT AMENDING AND RESTATING THE CHARTER OF THE SAINT THOMAS MORE CORPORATION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 1 of number 93 of the special acts of 1937, as
2 amended by number 518 of the special acts of 1955, is amended to read
3 as follows (*Effective from passage*):

4 [Most Reverend Henry J. O'Brien, Archbishop of the Roman
5 Catholic Archdiocese of Hartford, Reverend T. Lawrason Riggs,
6 Matthew A. Reynolds, John L. Gilson, William V. Griffin, Arthur T.
7 Keefe, Theodore S. Ryan and Edward T. Carmody] The present
8 trustees and such other persons as may hereafter be associated with
9 them in accordance with the by-laws of [this] the corporation, are and
10 shall remain constituted a body corporate under the name of The Saint
11 Thomas More Corporation, [to be] located in the town of New Haven.

12 Sec. 2. Section 2 of number 93 of the special acts of 1937, as amended
13 by number 518 of the special acts of 1955, is amended to read as
14 follows (*Effective from passage*):

15 The objects and purposes of [this] the corporation are and shall
16 remain to establish, acquire, own and maintain a religious center,
17 including a chapel and rectory for a chaplain, according to the
18 doctrine, discipline and ritual of the Roman Catholic Church, for the
19 benefit of members of that faith among the [accredited] students, [and]
20 faculty and staff of Yale University, and to promote the religious,
21 educational and charitable interests of such members through such
22 center.

23 Sec. 3. Section 3 of number 93 of the special acts of 1937, as amended
24 by number 518 of the special acts of 1955, is amended to read as
25 follows (*Effective from passage*):

26 [Said] The corporation is and shall remain at all times [be] subject to
27 the general laws and discipline of the Roman Catholic Church, and
28 receives and shall continue to receive and enjoy its franchise as a body
29 politic solely for the purposes mentioned in section [two of this act] 2
30 of number 93 of the special acts of 1937, as amended by number 518 of
31 the special acts of 1955 and this act, and, upon the violation or
32 surrender of its charter, its property, real and personal, shall vest in the
33 Archbishop of the Archdiocese and his successors, in trust for such
34 students, [and] faculty and staff of Yale University and for the uses
35 and purposes above named. No part of the net earnings of [this] the
36 corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any private member or
37 individual.

38 Sec. 4. Section 4 of number 93 of the special acts of 1937, as amended
39 by number 518 of the special acts of 1955, is amended to read as
40 follows (*Effective from passage*):

41 The Archbishop of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Hartford, the
42 Vicar-General, and Chaplain of such chapel and religious center, and,
43 in case of the death or other disability of the Archbishop, the
44 administrator of the Archdiocese, for the time being are and shall
45 continue to be members, ex officio, of [said] the corporation.

46 Sec. 5. Section 5 of number 93 of the special acts of 1937, as amended
47 by number 518 of the special acts of 1955, is amended to read as
48 follows (*Effective from passage*):

49 [Said] The corporation has and shall continue to have perpetual
50 existence and has and shall continue to have all the powers
51 enumerated in [section 1929c of the 1953 supplement to the general
52 statutes, except the power to issue one or more classes of stock] section
53 33-1200 of the general statutes. The corporation is and shall continue to
54 be nonprofit and shall not issue shares of stock or pay dividends.

55 Sec. 6. Section 6 of number 93 of the special acts of 1937, as amended
56 by number 518 of the special acts of 1955, is amended to read as
57 follows (*Effective from passage*):

58 All real estate and personal property owned by [said] the
59 corporation and used by it for its religious, charitable or educational
60 purposes is and shall remain, while so used, [be] exempt from taxation
61 by the town and city of New Haven, or by any other town or city in
62 this state in which such property may be located.

63 Sec. 7. Section 7 of number 93 of the special acts of 1937, as amended
64 by number 518 of the special acts of 1955, is amended to read as
65 follows (*Effective from passage*):

66 The trustees or directors of [said] the corporation [shall consist of]
67 are and shall remain not [more] less than nine but not more than
68 fifteen persons, including the members ex officio, hereinbefore
69 mentioned. The trustees or directors may also appoint honorary
70 trustees or directors with such powers as are defined in, and in
71 accordance with, the provisions of the by-laws of the corporation.

72 Sec. 8. Section 8 of number 93 of the special acts of 1937, as amended
73 by number 518 of the special acts of 1955, is amended to read as
74 follows (*Effective from passage*):

75 The officers of the corporation are and shall continue to be elected in

76 accordance with [the provisions of] the by-laws [from time to time
77 adopted by] of the corporation. The by-laws of the corporation shall
78 remain in force until amended in accordance with their provisions.

79 Sec. 9. Section 9 of number 93 of the special acts of 1937, as amended
80 by number 518 of the special acts of 1955, is amended to read as
81 follows (*Effective from passage*):

82 The affairs of the corporation are and shall continue to be managed
83 in accordance with this act, number 93 of the special acts of 1937, as
84 amended by number 518 of the special acts of 1955 and this act, and
85 such by-laws as may be adopted by it from time to time.

86 Sec. 10. (*Effective from passage*) The corporation does and shall
87 continue to provide its trustees or directors and officers with the fullest
88 amount of indemnification provided by the laws of this state, as
89 amended from time to time.

90 Sec. 11. (*Effective from passage*) Until changed in accordance with the
91 by-laws of the corporation, the registered office of the corporation is
92 and shall remain at 268 Park Street, New Haven and the registered
93 agent is and shall remain the Chaplain of the chapel and religious
94 center.

95 Sec. 12. (*Effective from passage*) This act and any subsequent
96 amendment shall require the acceptance of the majority of the trustees
97 or directors of the corporation.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 5	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 6	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 7	<i>from passage</i>

Sec. 8	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 9	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 10	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 11	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 12	<i>from passage</i>

Statement of Purpose:

To amend and restate the charter of The Saint Thomas More Corporation.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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