

*Laws of His Majesty's Province of Upper Canada in North America*, passed in the year 1815.  
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55 George III – Chapter 18

**An Act to Incorporate the Midland District School Society. Passed the 14th March, 1815.**

Whereas funds have been collected and a society lately formed in England, designated, “The Committee for promoting the Education of the Poor in Upper and Lower Canada,” the object of which society is to promote the education and moral improvement of the poor of every religious denomination, in Canada; and whereas in furtherance of the wishes of that institution, a subscription has been entered into at Kingston, in the Midland District, of this Province, to assist in carrying into effect their benevolent intentions with regard to this Province; and it is apprehended, that if countenanced and supported by the laws of this Province and established upon a permanent footing, and vested with powers for better enabling the subscribers thereto to carry into execution their charitable and useful designs, such an institution, would be of extensive use and of great benefit and advantage to the public; and whereas the purposes aforesaid cannot be effected without the aid of the Legislature,

I. Be it enacted by the Kings most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and content of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the Province of Upper Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of Great Britain, intituled, “*an act to repeal certain parts of an act passed in the fourteenth year of His Majesty’s rein, intituled, “an Act for making more effectual provision tor the Government of the Province of Quebec, in North America and to make further provision for the government of the said Province,”* and by the authority of the same, that on the first day of May now next ensuing, these shall be held a meeting of the subscribers for the purpose aforesaid, in the town of Kingston, in the Midland District aforesaid, at which meeting a President, Secretary, Treasurer and six Trustees, any four of whom, with the President, shall be a quorum, for transacting business, shall be chosen sum among the subscribers by a majority of the subscribers, then there present, and regulation shall be also then and there made respecting the length of times the said officers and trustees shall continue in office, and also respecting the election or nomination for the future of such President, Secretary, Treasurer and Trustees.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the President, Secretary, Treasurer and Trustees, for the time being, and their successors so to be nominated and appointed, shall be and they are hereby declared to be one body, corporate and politic in deed and in law, by the name of “the Midland District School Society,” and shall have perpetual succession, and a common seal, with power to change alter, break or make new the same, and they and their successors, by the name aforesaid, may sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto, in all and any court of courts of record and places of jurisdiction within this Province, and that they and their successors by the name aforesaid, shall be able and capable in law to have, hold, receive, enjoy, possess and retain for the end and purposes of this act, and in trust and for the benefit of the said Society of the Midland District, all such sum and sums of

money as have been had or given, or shall at any time or times hereafter be paid, given, devised or bequeathed by any person or persons to and for the benevolent ends and purposes in this act mentioned; and that they and their successors by the name aforesaid, shall and may at any time hereafter without any license or mortmain purchase, take, receive, have, hold, possess, and enjoy any lands, tenements or hereditaments for the purposes of the said soicity, and for no other purposes whatsoever, and may also in the same manner sell, grant, demise, alien or dispose of the same, and do or execute all and singular other matters and things that to them shall or may appertain to do.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said President and trustees so to be nominated and appointed as aforesaid, and their successors, shall have full power and authority, to lease such real estate and hereditaments on such terms as they shall judge most beneficial, and also to dispose of all such personal estate at their will and pleasure as shall appear to their most advantageous for promoting the benevolent purposes of the said institution.

IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That no person who is not a natural born subject of His Majesty, or a subject naturalized by Act of the British Parliament, or a subject of His Majesty, having become so by the conquest and cession of the Province of Canada, shall be capable of being a Trustee or Teacher of the said School.