450.184 Ecclesiastical corporations; gifts, acceptance, investment.

Sec. 184. Any ecclesiastical corporation incorporated in this state may receive, hold, and use gifts or bequests of money or other property for any special religious, benevolent, charitable, educational, social or other purpose, enterprise or project connected with such corporation, or may receive such gifts or bequests to be by such corporation invested in whole or in part in the name of such corporation, the net income therefrom to be by such corporation used for any of said purposes, according to the terms of such gifts or bequests. All real estate so received and not used by such corporation for any of such purposes shall be sold within 10 years and the proceeds therefrom shall be used or invested according to the terms of such gift or bequest. All such investments made by such corporation shall be in accordance with the laws of this state governing authorized investments for trustees. The trustees, vestrymen, consistory, or other governing body of any ecclesiastical corporation incorporated in this state, may in their corporate name receive gifts and bequests of money for investment upon bond and mortgage when the interest of such investment is to be applied in payment or part payment of the salary of the minister, priest, rector, parson or clergyman of such religious society: Provided, That sums of money, mortgages or investments so held by any such corporation shall be invested by the trustees, vestrymen, consistory, or other governing body, in their corporate name, in accordance with the laws of this state governing authorized investments for trustees.


Former law: See section 8 of Ch. III of Part IV of Act 84 of 1921, being CL 1929, § 10116.