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SECTION 1. That section one of an act, approved January 14, 1846, entitled "An Act to incorporate the female seminary of St. Mary's of the Woods, in Vigo county, Indiana, be so amended as to read as follows, to-wit:

SEC. 1. That Anne Theressa Guerrie (Sister St. Theodora), Victoria Gaze (Sister St. Vincent), Louise Ciercen (Sister St. Liquori), Irena Sefer De LaMotte (Sister St. F. Xavier), Josephine Puriellan (Sister Marie Joseph), Elanor Bailey (Sister Mary Cecelia), Mary Ann Graham (Sister Augustine), Sisters of Providence, of Vigo county, or the survivors of them, and their associates and successors, be, and they are hereby constituted and declared to be a body corporate and politic, by the name and style of The Sisters of Providence of St. Marys of the Woods, and by that name shall have perpetual succession with full power to elect, from time to time, such officers, instructors, managers, and agents, as they may think necessary for the management and benefit of the female seminary of St. Marys of the Woods, in the county of Vigo, and State of Indiana, now under their charge, by virtue of said act, to which this is an amendment; the said Sisters of Providence of St. Marys of the Woods, under the provisions of this section, and of the act to which this is an amendment, shall also have the power to provide for and maintain schools for the education of youth, an asylum for the care and support of orphans; a hospital in said county of Vigo, now under their charge and ownership, for the wants of the sick , to contract and be contracted with, to acquire, hold, enjoy, and transfer property, real and personal, to receive and hold title to such real estate as they may have, or shall acquire by gift, endowment, bequest, conveyance, or otherwise, for the purposes herein named, to have and use a common seal, and the same to alter at pleasure, to sue and be sued, to plead and be impleaded in any court of law or equity, to receive and accept any grant, gift, donation, bequest or conveyance, made by any person, company, or corporation, of any property, real or personal, and to have and to hold, enjoy or dispose of the same as may by them be deemed best for the interest of said corporation, constituted for the purpose hereinbefore expressed, to make, ordain, establish and execute such by-laws, rules and ordinances, and to do all other acts as they shall deem necessary for the welfare and prosperity of said corporation, for the promotion of the arts and sciences of learning, and charity, not inconsistent with the constitution and laws of the United States, and the constitution and laws of the State of Indiana; Provided, That it shall not be lawful for said corporation to hold, or be the owners of real estate, exclusive of improvements, exceeding in value three hundred thousand dollars; and if by donation, devise or otherwise, it shall become the legal or equitable owner of real estate of greater value, the same shall be sold by said corporation within two years after such title shall have accrued or become vested therein, but this shall not be construed to require the sale of any real estate now owned by said corporation, which may be necessary for the enjoyment of the powers and privileges of the corporation.

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(Amended by Acts 1937, c.227, s.1.)

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SEC. 1. That section one of the above entitled act be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

A majority of the council shall form a quorum, and meet on their own adjournment. The mayor, or in his absence, the recorder, may call special meetings, and whenever met, shall have full power to enact and publish all such laws and ordinances as to them shall seem necessary, relative to the opening, repairing, graveling, and turnpiking of streets, as shall be necessary to keep said streets and alleys in said town open for the free use of the public; to declare what shall constitute a nuisance, and to prevent and abate the same, and for the erection of market houses, regulating markets, and for restraining and preventing swine from running at large within the bounds of the corporation, and for the preservation and safety of all buildings, whether public or private, for cleaning chimneys, to regulate the speed of railroad trains within said corporation, and to prevent the assemblage of boys at the depot thereof; for preventing and extinguishing fires within the limits of said corporation; for setting out shade trees, and protecting the same; to build bridges at said town, to encourage enlistments, to encourage education, to make such donation as to them may seem proper and just for the encouragement of any literary, agricultural, or scientific institution, located within said corporation, and for these purposes, shall possess full powers by ordinance to levy all taxes necessary to enable them to pay such donations or appropriations, and may issue the bonds of the corporation therefor, signed by the mayor and recorder thereof; to regulate by ordinance the sale of intoxicating liquor within said corporation, and to require a license therefor; to impose fines upon all persons transgressing against the laws and ordinances of the corporation, and to enact and publish all such other laws and ordinances as the said council may deem necessary and proper for the health, safety, cleanliness, convenience and good government of said corporation and the inhabitants thereof, not contrary to the constitution of the United States, nor the State of Indiana; Provided, That all laws and ordinances which shall be passed by said council, shall be published at length on the door of the court house or at some other public place in the town of Vernon, or in some newspaper published in said town, at least five days, after which said laws and ordinances shall be in force until repealed or modified by the proper authority.