

AMENDED CHARTER OF DREW UNIVERSITY

CHAPTER 73 OF LAWS OF NEW JERSEY -- 1969

BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

1. The title of P.L. 1868, chapter II is amended to read as follows: An act to incorporate Drew University.
2. Section 1 of the act of which this act is amendatory is amended to read as follows:
That Daniel Drew, Edmund S. Janes, George T. Cobb, Matthew Simpson, Enoch L. Fancher, James M. Tuttle, Theodore Runyon, Daniel Curry, Benjamin F. Manierre, Charles B. Sing, Cornelius Walsh, John S. Porter, Francis H. Root, John P. Durbin, James Bishop, R. L. Dashiell, Daniel L. Ross, Morris D'C. Crawford, Daniel D. Chamberlain, Archibald C. Foss, John E. Ockershausen, Leonard M. Vincent, William Wells, George F. Brown, William W. Drew, William H. Ferris, John A. Wright, John Lanahan, Charles C. North, Thompson Mitchell, and their successors in office as herein provided for, are hereby constituted a body corporate by the name of Drew University, and by that name the corporation shall have perpetual succession, the right to sue and be sued, the right to contract and be contracted with, and to make and use a common seal, and to alter the same at pleasure, and may acquire, have, hold, possess, use and enjoy upon the trusts, and for the uses and purposes of said corporation, by purchase, gift, grant, devise or bequest, any real estate or personal property, and may let, lease, sell, grant, alien and convey any of said real estate or personal property, and shall possess, enjoy and exercise all the rights, powers and privileges of corporations conferred by law, or by the statutes of this State.
3. Section 2 of the act of which this act is amendatory is amended to read as follows:
That the objects and purposes of the said corporation are the establishment, maintenance and support within the State of New Jersey of a non-profit university for the promotion of education with power to organize faculties of arts, law, literature, medicine, science and theology and such other academic disciplines as it may from time to time determine and to use and exercise all the powers and functions of a university. A theological school, ecumenical in character, shall be continued and maintained in relation to the founding Methodist Episcopal Church and its successors. The university shall have the power to grant and confer diplomas and the usual college and university degrees, and honorary degrees, and also such other powers as may be necessary fully to carry out and execute the general purposes of the corporation as herein provided.
4. Section 3 of the act of which this act is amendatory is amended to read as follows:
That the government of the said corporation and the management of its property, business and affairs are hereby vested in a board of trustees, which shall consist of not less than 20 nor more than 50 members, and the president of the university shall be a member ex-officio without vote.
5. Section 4 of the act of which this act is amendatory is amended to read as follows:
That all the persons first herein named, to whom shall be added the said president of the faculty when appointed, shall be and act as the first board of trustees of said corporation until their successors are elected. The trustees in office at the date of this amendment shall continue in office until such time as their successors are duly elected. The trustees shall meet at least twice in each calendar year. Failure to elect trustees shall not work a forfeiture of this charter or the dissolution of the corporation hereby created, or of the privileges thereby granted.

6. Section 5 of the act of which this act is amendatory is amended to read as follows:
That the said trustees at the first meeting of the said board, and annually thereafter, shall organize said board by the election from their number of a chairman, one or more vice-chairmen, a secretary and such other officers as they may deem appropriate, and shall have power to adopt and enforce a constitution and such by-laws, rules and regulations, not inconsistent with the constitution or laws of this State or of the United States, as may be deemed advisable for the government of the business and affairs of said corporation and for the regulation of the action of said board, its officers and agents, in the discharge of its and their duties in fully executing and carrying into effect the objects, intents and purposes of this act. The by-laws may contain, among their provisions, provisions for determining the number of trustees, eligibility to membership in the board of trustees, the manner of election of trustees; their term of office and procedures for removal. The property of said corporation, real and personal, shall be exempt from assessment and from taxation.

7. Section 6 of the act of which this act is amendatory is amended to read as follows:
That the first faculty in theology shall be appointed by the trustees, but all vacancies thereafter occurring by the resignation, death or removal of professors in said faculty of theology shall be filled as may be provided in the by-laws. The by-laws may contain among their provisions, provisions for the selection of a president and other administrative staff of the university, and their removal, and for the selection of members of the instructional staff, and their removal.

8. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved and effective June 4, 1969.