

answered in every court of law or equity; to make and use a common seal, and to alter and renew the same at pleasure; to make and adopt a constitution and by-laws for the government of said body corporate and its affairs; provided the same shall not be in conflict with the Constitution and laws of this State and of the United States; to elect officers and directors, and to do every other act or thing to carry into effect the provisions of this Act or to promote the objects and designs of the corporation.

Authority to deal in real and personal property.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That the said corporation is hereby authorized and empowered to receive and hold real or personal property by purchase, lease, gift, devise or bequest, for the purposes of said corporation, and to grant, dispose of, sell, convey or lease the same, or any part thereof, as fully as any private individual or other corporate body could or might do.

Annual election of officers

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted*, That the members of this corporation shall annually, in the month of October, upon such day as may be fixed by the board of directors, elect by ballot, from among their members, a president, vice-president and treasurer and directors, not to exceed twelve in number, who shall hold office during such terms as may be prescribed by the constitution or by-laws; the directors, together with the president, vice-president, treasurer and secretary, shall constitute the board of directors.

SEC. 7. *And be it enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 5, 1900.

CHAPTER 316.

AN ACT to define the powers and authority of juvenile institutions and societies.

Define powers of juvenile institutions, etc.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That all bodies incorporated or to be incorporated under the General Laws for the purposes of the care, custody, guardianship or protection of minors, generally or of any particular ages or classes, have the power and authority following:

1. To retain children legally committed or confided to them until the age of eighteen years in females and twenty-one years in males.