

whereby any estate, interest or property was intended to pass to or from the said corporation.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the said corporation and its successors shall have full power and authority to make, have and use a common seal, with such device and description as they shall think proper, and the same to alter and renew at pleasure.

Authority to make and use seal.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That the said corporation and its successors, by the name, style and title aforesaid, shall be able and capable in law to sue and be sued, contract and be contracted with, plead and be impleaded in any court, or before any judge or justice of the peace in any and all manner of suits and matters of whatsoever nature or form, and all and every matter and thing to do in as full and as effectual manner as any other person or persons, bodies politic and corporate within this State can or may.

Manner of doing business

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That the said corporation and its successors shall be and are hereby authorized and empowered to make, ordain and establish by-laws, regulations and ordinances, and do all things incident and needful for the support and proper government of said corporation and management of the funds and revenue thereof; provided, said by-laws, regulations and ordinances shall not be repugnant to the Constitution and laws of the United States or the State of Maryland, or to the constitution and discipline, rules and regulations of the Methodist Protestant Church in the State of Maryland.

Authority to make by-laws, regulations, etc.

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted*, That the said corporation shall consist of nine members, and no more, who shall be members of the Colored Methodist Protestant Church in good and regular standing, five of whom shall be ordained ministers of the Baltimore Annual Conference of the Colored Methodist Protestant Church, and four shall be lay members of the Colored Methodist Protestant Church, within the bounds of the Baltimore District, and the term of membership shall continue one year, such term to begin on the first day of June next succeeding the election of the members as hereinafter provided; and the Baltimore Annual Conference of the Colored Methodist Protestant Church shall at each annual meeting thereof elect in such mode as to said Conference shall seem proper, the said number of nine members; provided, however, that the aforesaid members of said corporation named in this Act shall continue in office as members of said corporation until the 1st day of June, 1901;

Corporation shall consist of certain number.

Conference shall elect.

Terms of office