

twenty-fourth day of May, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, rescinded its acceptance of the trust in reference to said Institute, which had been reposed in said Society by Mr. Peabody; *and whereas*, the performance of all the functions of the Institute has been assumed by the Trustees thereof, and has devolved on them, and Mr. Peabody has subsequently increased the funds of said Institute to one million of dollars by a recent munificent donation of five hundred thousand dollars; *and whereas*, various persons originally named by Mr. Peabody in his letter of the fourteenth of February, eighteen hundred and fifty-seven, printed in the charter of said Institute, as eligible to fill vacancies occurring in the Board of Trustees thereof have died, and it is desirable that a large and unrestricted choice should be given to said Trustees in filling vacancies which now exist or may occur in their body; *and whereas*, Mr. Peabody has expressed a desire that the charter of said Institute should be altered as herein provided, in order to conform to the altered condition of its affairs; therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the Board of Trustees of the said Institute, if they shall find that the number of twenty-five Trustees is larger than is needed for the effective and advantageous administration of the Institute may reduce the number to fifteen by omitting to fill vacancies which may from time to time occur in the Board, and when so reduced the number of Trustees shall always thereafter consist of fifteen. Board of Trustees.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That all vacancies in the Board, now existing or which may hereafter occur, may be filled by the Board by the election of any person or persons residing in the city of Baltimore or State of Maryland, who, in the judgment of the Board, may be suitable and qualified for the office. Vacancies to be filled.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That, *whereas*, the name of such Institute is in one place in said charter incorrectly printed, the proper name of said institute is the "Peabody Institute of the City of Baltimore." Name of Institute.