

Powers
granted.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* That the trustees for the poor of Baltimore city and county aforesaid, or a majority of them, shall have power, and they are hereby authorized to appoint all such officers, clerks, agents and servants, as they may think necessary or useful in the exercise of the powers and performance of the duties entrusted and committed to them, and the same at their pleasure to remove and discharge; to fix the compensation and prescribe the duties of all such officers, clerks, agents and servants; to admit into the poor-house and receive under their care, in addition to those paupers which the laws of this state authorize or require, such indigent or distressed persons as in their opinion the dictates of humanity or particular circumstances render proper or necessary; to prescribe, provide for and direct all matters relating to the support, treatment and employment of all paupers, vagrants and other persons whatever, in the poor-house and work-house, or any other place under their care or charge; to procure or erect and use all such machinery, materials and implements as they shall think proper or necessary for any purpose connected with their duties, or the exercise of the powers vested in them; and to make and in their discretion, amend, alter and repeal all such by-laws as shall be necessary to carry into full effect all the powers, authorities, rights, privileges and duties granted to and vested in, or required of them, or which shall be granted to them by any future act of assembly: *Provided,* that such by-laws shall not be contrary to any law of this state or of the United States.

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SEC. 5. *And be it enacted,* That every pauper who shall be under the care of the said trustees, except females under the age of twelve years, and males under the age of fifteen, shall be charged as a debtor for food, medicine and other necessaries furnished, at a rate not exceeding thirty cents per day; and every such pauper, when capable of performing labour, or service, may, in the discretion of the trustees, be required and compelled to perform the same, and shall be allowed a reasonable compensation therefor, according to the value thereof, to be ascertained and fixed by the said trustees, and credited to the account of such pauper performing such work, labour, or services; and the said trustees may retain such pauper under their care until the amount of compensation so allowed shall be equal to the amount of charges against such pauper aforesaid; and if any pauper shall depart from the poor-house or work-house, without the permission of the said trustees, before such pauper shall have compensated by work, labour, or services as aforesaid, or otherwise, for the charges made as herein before directed, such pauper, so departing, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, on conviction thereof in the Baltimore city