

fied as trustees for the poor of said county, and as such are hereby invested with full power and authority, as a body politic, to plead and be impleaded, to sue and be sued, to defend and to be defended, to answer and be answered, by the name of The Trustees for the Poor of Calvert County, in all and every cause, complaint and action, real, personal or mixed, of whatever kind or nature it shall be, in any court of judicature within this state, and by that name they and any of them, and their successors, shall and they are hereby enabled to take, hold, possess and enjoy, any gift, donation or present, which shall or may hereafter be given, devised or bequeathed, by any person or persons whatsoever, to them, or any of them, for and towards the support and maintenance of the poor in the said county; and they, or any of them, may receive by way of subscription, any sum or sums of money which shall or may be given for the better and more speedy promoting the benefit and good by this act intended; and that they have full power, authority and ability, to purchase, take, hold, receive, enjoy and have, to them and their successors for ever, any lands, tenements and hereditaments, not exceeding the yearly value of five hundred pounds current money, and are hereby empowered and authorized to use one common seal in their business relating to said corporation, and the same, if necessary, to change and alter; and that the said persons so incorporated, and their successors, shall be trustees, in perpetual succession, for ever, to be continued in way and manner hereafter specified, with full and absolute power, liberty and authority, in the making and ordaining such laws, orders and rules, for the better relieving, regulating, and setting the poor to work, and punishing vagrants, beggars, vagabonds and other offenders, and for the good government of the said alms and work-house in their said county, as to them and their successors shall, from time to time, appear most fit and requisite, all which shall be observed by the overseer of such alms and work-house, and by all poor, beggars, vagrants, vagabonds and other offenders, in such alms and work-house, under the penalties therein contained; *Provided always*, that the said rules, laws and orders, be no ways contrary to the laws of this state.

SEC. 4. *And*, to perpetuate the succession of the aforesaid number of seven trustees for the poor in said county, *Be it enacted*, That as often as any one of the said trustees for the poor shall die, or remove himself out of the county, refuse to qualify himself, by taking and subscribing the oaths or affirmations aforesaid, or become incapable of acting, the trustees for the time being, then surviving and remaining within the said county, or the major part of them, are hereby authorized and required to elect, nominate and choose, one of the inhabitants

If two vacancies are to be filled.