

*always*, that the said rules, laws and orders, be no ways contrary to the laws of this state.

By 1828, ch. 75, the trustees are to be appointed by the commissioners of Harford County.

SEC. 4. Merged in 1828, ch. 75, sec. 6.

Penalty on refusal to serve, &c.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That every person by this act appointed as a trustee for the poor, or that shall hereafter be nominated and appointed as such pursuant to the directions thereof, and who shall wilfully refuse or delay to take upon him the said office, shall forfeit and pay, for every such refusal or delay, the sum of ten pounds current money; *Provided*, that no member of the general assembly, clergyman, attorney or practising physician, be obliged to accept the office of trustee aforesaid, or forfeit as aforesaid for refusing to accept and take upon him the same, and that no judge of the general court, county magistrate or sheriff, or any one who hath not the qualification to be a member of the general assembly, if elected, shall be capable to be chosen or act as a trustee aforesaid.

Trustees to draw, &c.

SEC. 6. *And*, for enabling the said trustees respectively to purchase land, and erect alms and work-houses in their said counties, *Be it enacted*, that the said trustees, or the major part of them, be and they are hereby authorized and empowered, from time to time as occasion shall require, to draw upon the collector of said counties respectively for all or any part of the money by this act assessed, levied and collected, as shall remain in his hands, which the said trustees, or the major part of them, shall think necessary for the uses and purposes mentioned in this act.

To purchase land, &c.

SEC. 7. *And be it enacted*, That the said trustees respectively, or the major part of them, appointed as aforesaid, shall and they are hereby authorized, directed and required, to buy and purchase, in fee simple, a quantity of land in their respective counties, not exceeding fifty acres, and the said trustees, or the major part of them, appointed as aforesaid, are hereby authorized, directed and required, to agree and contract with a workman or workmen to undertake, erect, build, and in a workman-like manner to complete and finish, on the said land when so purchased, good, strong, sufficient and convenient houses, habitations and dwellings, for the reception of the poor of their counties respectively, and of such vagrants, beggars, vagabonds and offenders, as shall be committed by virtue of this act, and they shall appropriate one part thereof to be called the alms-house, to and for the reception and lodging of the poor of their said counties respectively, and another part or parts thereof to be called the work-house, to and for the reception and lodging of all such vagrants, beggars, vagabonds and offenders, as shall be committed by virtue of this act; and