

ARTICLE LXXVIII.

Refuge—House of.

SEC. 1. The subscribers to the House of Refuge are a body politic and corporate, by the name and style of "The House of Refuge," and by that name and style shall have perpetual succession, with the power to have a common seal and to change the same at pleasure; to make contracts relative to said institution, to sue and be sued, and by that name and style shall be capable of purchasing, taking, holding, and conveying any estate, real or personal, for the use of said corporation, and to establish by-laws and orders for the regulation of said institution, and the preservation and application of the funds thereof.

2. Every person who hath subscribed the articles of said association, or who shall hereafter subscribe the same, and pay to the funds of said institution the sum of fifty dollars, or ten dollars annually for the term of six years, shall be a member for life, and every person paying the sum of two dollars annually, shall be a member while he continues to contribute the said sum, such payment to be made at the time and in the manner prescribed by the by-laws of the said association.

3. The estate and concerns of said corporation shall be managed and conducted by twenty-four managers, of whom ten shall be elected by members of the association, and ten appointed by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, and four shall be appointed by the Governor, in the month of February, annually.

4. The members of the association shall assemble on the third Monday of February, annually, at such place in the city of Baltimore as the board of managers may from time to time appoint, and of which the president, or in case of his absence or refusal, the secretary or any member of the association, shall give notice in at least two of the daily papers in the city of Baltimore, and elect by a plurality of ballots ten managers.

5. Whenever any vacancy in said board of managers shall occur by death, resignation, removal or otherwise, the same shall