

Curllet, Dominick Bader, Henry Hook, James Kirkpatrick, Thomas Kenighton, Samuel Myers, and others, that now are or may hereafter become members of the said corporation hereby created, or may be admitted into the said corporation agreeably to the constitution, rules, and by-laws of the same, and their successors, are hereby declared to be one community, corporation and body politic, for ever, by the name, style and title, of The Union Beneficial Society of Baltimore; *Provided nevertheless*, that the said corporation may be dissolved at any time by the consent of its members as is hereinafter provided.

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2. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the affairs of the said society shall be managed and conducted by a president, vice-president, treasurer, and standing committee of nine members, and a secretary, to be chosen out of said committee, the whole to be elected annually on the first Monday of July, in each and every succeeding year, in such manner as the said society shall think proper to appoint.

Affairs to be managed by a president, &c

3. AND BE IT ENACTED. That the present members of the said society, and their successors, by their corporate name, shall and may have perpetual succession, and shall and may, at all times hereafter, be persons able and capable in law to purchase, take, have and enjoy, to them and their successors, in fee, or less estate or estates, any lands, tenements, rents, annuities, chattels, United States stock, bank stock, registered debt, or other public securities within this state, by the gift, purchase or devise, of or from any person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, capable to make the same, and the same at their pleasure to alien, sell, transfer or lease, in such manner as they may judge most conducive to the charitable uses of the said society; *Provided nevertheless*, that the said corporation, or body politic, shall not at any one time hold or possess property real, personal or mixed, exceeding in total value the sum of fifty thousand dollars.

Corporation may hold property

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4. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the members of the said corporation, and their successors, may meet together on the first Monday of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventeen, at some convenient place in the city of Baltimore, or in the precincts thereof, and on the same day annually for ever thereafter, and then and there elect the officers of the said society, and enact such by-laws as may be necessary for assuring and carrying into effect the benevolent purposes of this act; *Provided*, such rules, regulations, and by-laws, be not repugnant to the constitution and laws of the United States, of the state of Maryland, or of the corporation of the city of Baltimore.

Members to meet and organize company

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5. AND BE IT ENACTED, That all appointments of officers for the said society heretofore made by the members thereof in their private capacities, shall respectively continue and be in full force until the time specified by this act for the first election of officers for the said corporation.

Appointments heretofore made to be continued

6. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said corporation, and their successors, by the name aforesaid, shall be for ever hereafter able and capable in law to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto, defend and be defended, in all or any courts of justice, and before all or any judges, officers, or persons whatsoever, in all and singular actions, matters and demands whatsoever, and that all legal process that may be hereafter instituted

Corporation enabled to sue, &c