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from their own body, or from the citizens of Maryland at large, by ballot, a person to act as president of the visitors aforesaid, and in the same manner some person to act as vice-president, which said president, vice-president and visitors, shall have the sole absolute control and government of said hospital, in manner as hereafter is declared and appointed, and shall further have power and authority to appoint a secretary to their board, and a treasurer for said hospital.

To meet annually

4. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said president, vice-president and visitors, shall be and they are hereby authorised, for ever after the said first Monday in June next, to meet and assemble at such place in said hospital, or the city of Baltimore, as they may designate, on the first Monday in every successive June thereafter, and in the same manner, as is herein before directed, elect a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer, as aforesaid; which said president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer, shall hold, occupy and possess, their respective offices for one year, and until other fit and proper persons shall be chosen and elected in their respective places, according to such by-laws and regulations as said president and visitors may make and appoint.

Vacancies, how to be supplied

5. AND BE IT ENACTED, That in case any of said persons, herein before appointed visitors of said hospital, shall die, refuse to accept, resign, or remove from the city and precincts of Baltimore, as they do now or hereafter may exist, that then the remaining visitors aforesaid, or a majority of them, shall have power and authority to meet at such place as they may agree upon, and elect or choose, by ballot, fit and proper person or persons to fill up such vacancy, which persons, so elected, shall be to all intents and purposes vested with the same power, privileges and authority, as is given to the persons herein before designated as visitors aforesaid, and in whose place and stead they may be so elected and chosen; and if after the election of president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer, as is herein before first directed, the said president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, or any of said visitors, shall die, resign, remove from the city and precincts of Baltimore as aforesaid, or in conformity to the by-laws and regulations which said president and visitors may make and ordain, be removed from their several respective places, then an election shall be held to supply their places for the residue of the term respectively, according to the rules, regulations and by-laws, which may be made therefor.

Oath of visitors, &c

6. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said visitors, president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer, before they proceed to exercise any of the functions of their offices or appointments, shall take an oath, or affirmation, as the case may be, faithfully and duly to exercise their respective offices.

To appoint physicians, surgeons, &c.

7. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said president and visitors shall have, and they are hereby invested with, full power and authority to appoint such and so many physicians, surgeons, apothecaries, superintendants, matrons, nurses and servants, or other officers and persons, for the administration and service of said hospital, as they may deem requisite, who shall hold their appointments at the pleasure of the said president and visitors; and to make, ordain, alter, amend and abolish, all by-laws, rules and