

**CHAP. 145.** *Ridgely, of Hampton, Christian Keener, Peter Hoffman, and their successors in office, duly elected in the manner herein after set forth, together with the present and future contributors to the said charity school, be and they are hereby declared to be, one community, corporation and body politic for ever hereafter, by the name and style of The Trustees of the Orphaline Charity School, and by that name they shall be and they are hereby made able and capable in law, to have, purchase and receive, possess, enjoy and retain, to them and their successors as aforesaid, lands, tenements and hereditaments, rents, annuities and pensions, in fee-simple, or for a term of years, life, lives, or otherwise, and also goods, chattels and effects, of what nature, quality or kind soever, by the gift, bargain, sale or devise, of any person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, capable to make the same, and the same to grant, demise, alien or dispose of, in such manner as the said trustees, by a majority of voices, may judge most conducive to the use and benefit of said institution; Provided always, that a majority of the trustees shall be necessary to form a quorum for the transaction of business, and also that the said corporation shall not, at any one time, hold or possess property, real, personal or mixed, exceeding in value yearly the sum of three thousand dollars.*

Proviso.

Nine female characters to be annually appointed for managing school.

**3. AND BE IT ENACTED,** That for the orderly management of said school there shall be annually appointed nine discreet female characters, in the following manner, to wit: The contributors and subscribers to the said charity school shall assemble at the school-house belonging to said society, or at such other place as shall be duly ratified by the trustees, on the second Tuesday of April in each and every year, to come between the hours of ten o'clock in the morning and six o'clock in the evening, and they, or so many of them as shall be then and there present, shall proceed to ballot for nine discreet female characters, to serve as directors for the ensuing year; the nine persons having the greatest number of votes to be considered as duly elected; in case of an equality of votes, the persons having such equality, and no others, to be balloted for again until a majority be obtained; the said election to be held before a committee of trustees by that board appointed one month at least before the election; the election to be closed on the day it is held; no contributors or subscribers to vote unless he or she shall have paid five dollars at the least to the aforesaid charity school within one year next immediately preceding the day of election; nor shall any person be entitled to more than one vote; all vacancies at the board of directors, after the election, to be filled up by themselves; the said female directors shall have the sole superintendence, care and direction, of the said school, and may pass any ordinances for the orderly management and good government thereof, the same not being inconsistent with this law, the laws of this state or of the United States; *Provided always, that a majority of said directors shall be necessary in all cases to form a quorum for the transaction of business.*

Proviso.

Vacancies in board of trustees, how to be filled.

**4. AND BE IT ENACTED,** That all vacancies hereafter occurring at the board of trustees, shall, as soon as convenient, be made known to the female directors, who shall forthwith proceed to fill up the same.

Children placed in school, to be sub-

**5. AND BE IT ENACTED,** That when any parent or guardians, or any orphans court, shall have placed any female child or chil-