

CHAP. 57.

Persons incorporated.

2. BE IT ENACTED, by the *General Assembly of Maryland*, That James M. Cannon, William Hawkins, Isaac Burneston, Samuel Owings, John Hagerty, Job Smith, Philip Rogers, Walter Simpson and Caleb Hewitt, and their successors, to be elected as herein after mentioned, with their minister for the time being, shall be, and hereby are created and declared to be, a body politic and corporate, by the name, style and title, of The Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Churches of the City of Baltimore, and by the same name shall have perpetual succession, and shall be able to sue and be sued, implead and impleaded, in any court of law or equity in this state or elsewhere, and to make and have a common seal, and the same to break, alter or renew, at their pleasure, and also to ordain and establish such by-laws and ordinances as shall appear necessary for regulating the temporal concerns of the said church, and for promoting literature within the same, not being repugnant to this act or the laws of this state.

Corporation, of whom to consist—how to be appointed.

3. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said corporation shall, at all times hereafter, consist of the minister of the said congregations, and nine other trustees, duly qualified, chosen and appointed, as is herein after mentioned, described and directed, who shall be and continue members of the said corporation until they be removed in manner and form following; that is to say, one third part in number of the trustees aforesaid, being the third part of the said nine trustees herein first named, shall cease and be discontinued, and their appointment determine, on the first Monday in January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and two, upon which a new election shall be had and held of so many others in their place and stead, by a majority of the male members of the said congregations met, and qualified to vote and elect as is herein after mentioned, described and directed, and that such election shall and may be held in such manner, and at such place, as the said corporation shall from time to time appoint and direct; and on the first Monday in January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and three, the second third part in number of the said nine trustees aforesaid shall in like manner cease and be discontinued, and their appointment determine, and a new election shall be held in like manner of an equal number in their place or stead; and on the first Monday in January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and four, the last third part in number of the said nine trustees shall cease and be discontinued, and their appointment determine, and a new election shall be had and held in the same manner; and by the like mode of rotation, one third part in number of the elected trustees shall cease and be discontinued, and their appointment determine, and a new election of the said third part be had and held, in manner and form aforesaid, on the first Monday in the month of January in every year for ever, to the intent that no person or persons shall continue to be a trustee or trustees for any longer time than three years, without being re-elected, except the minister for the time being as aforesaid, but that the electors, qualified to vote as herein after is mentioned, described and directed, shall and may be at liberty to re-elect the same trustees, or any one or more of them, whose times shall expire on the day of the said annual election, whenever and so often as they shall think expedient; *Provided always*, that whenever any circumstances,

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