

## CHAP. 128.

Limit of estate

name, shall and may have perpetual succession, and shall and may be, at all times hereafter, persons able and capable in law, to purchase, take, have and enjoy, to them and their successors, in fee or lease estate or estates, and lands, tenements, rents, annuities, chattels, United States' stock, bank stocks, registered debts, or other public securities within this state, by gift, purchase or devise, of or from any person or persons, body 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 shall not at any one time, hold or possess property real, personal or mixed, exceeding in total value, the sum of ten thousand dollars.

General meetings

Sec. 4. *And be it enacted*, That the members of the said corporation and their successors, may meet together at such time and place as the said society may deem proper, and then and there elect the officers of the said society, and form such rules and regulations, 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.

Elect officers—  
make by laws

Present officers

Sec. 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 for the first election of officers for the said corporation.

Legal capacity

Sec. 6. *And be it enacted*, That the said corporation and their successors, by the name aforesaid, shall be forever 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 by the said corporation, shall be in the name of the President and Stewards of the Washington Beneficial Society of Baltimore, and that all process that may be hereafter instituted against the said society, shall be served on the President in behalf of the same.

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Sec. 7. *And be it enacted*, That it shall and may be lawful for the said corporation and their successors, forever