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*An Act to establish a House of Refuge for Juvenile Delinquents.*

Passed Feb. 8.

WHEREAS a number of citizens have associated themselves in the city of Baltimore, for the purpose of establishing and conducting an institution for the reformation of juvenile delinquents, and have applied by memorial for an act of incorporation, and legislative assistance; and as the objects of the association are of great public utility, and individual means would be inadequate to carry it into successful operation; Therefore,

Section 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Ebenezer L. Finley, David Hoffman, Alexander Fridge, John H. B. Latrobe, Charles F. Mayer, Christian Keener, Jesse Hunt, and all such persons as now are or shall hereafter become subscribers to said association, in the manner hereinafter provided, be and they are hereby incorporated and made a body politic in law, by the name, style and title, of The House of Refuge, and by that name, style and title, shall have perpetual succession, with the power to have a common seal, and to change the same at pleasure; to make contracts relative to said institution, to sue and be sued, and by that name and style be capable in law of purchasing, taking, holding and conveying, any estate, real or personal, for the use of said corporation; and also to establish by-laws and orders for the regulation of said institution, and the preservation and application of the funds thereof.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted.* That every person who hath subscribed the articles of said association, or who shall hereafter subscribe the same, and pay to the funds of said institution the sum of fifty dollars, or ten dollars annually for the term of six years, shall be a member for life, and every person paying the sum of two dollars annually, shall be a member while he or she continues to contribute the said sum, such payment to be made at the time and in the manner to be prescribed by the by-laws of the said association.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted,* That the estate and concerns of said corporation shall be managed and conducted by twenty-four managers, of whom sixteen shall be residents of the city of Baltimore, and who shall be annually appointed in the month of February in the following manner, viz: eight by the governor and council of this state, eight by the members of the association, and eight by the mayor