

sist of twelve persons and no more, who shall be members of the methodist protestant episcopal church in good and regular standing, six of whom shall be ordained ministers of the Maryland annual conference of methodist protestant church, and six shall be lay members of the methodist protestant church within the bounds of the Maryland annual conference, and the term of membership shall continue for three years, such term to begin on the first day of May next succeeding the election of the members as hereinafter provided, and the Maryland annual conference of the methodist protestant church shall at each annual meeting of said conference elect in such mode as to the said conference shall seem proper, four new members, two of whom shall be ministers and two laymen of said methodist protestant church, to fill the places of those members whose terms expire on the first day of May following said meeting of said conference; provided, however, that the aforesaid members of said corporation named in this act shall continue in office as members of said corporation as follows: the terms of the membership of John D. Keinzer, Augustus W. Mather, James R. Caton and Jarret N. Gilbert shall expire on the first day of May, eighteen hundred and ninety-one; the terms of the memberships of John W. Charlton, Francis T. Little, Joseph H. Elliott and Charles A. Benjamin shall expire on the first day of May, eighteen hundred and ninety-two; the terms of the membership of Joseph L. Mills, James W. Gray, Roland Watts and Thomas A. Murray shall expire on the first day of May, eighteen hundred and ninety-three; and be it further provided in case the place of any member of said corporation shall be made vacant by death, resignation, disqualification or otherwise, before the expiration of his term, it shall be the duty of the remaining members of the said corporation at their first meeting held, at which such vacancy shall become known, to elect or appoint some person, a minister or lay member of the methodist protestant church, a member of said corporation, who shall however, hold office only for the unexpired term of the member creating such vacancy; and provided further, if the said Maryland annual conference of the methodist protestant church shall fail at any annual meeting thereof to elect members to fill the vacancies occurring on the first of May next following said annual meeting, then the said corporation at its next meeting after the adjournment of said conference, shall elect members to fill such vacancies, and the members so elected shall hold membership for a term of three years, the same as though they had been elected by said conference; provided, however, that the name of each member elected by the corporation as hereinbefore provided, shall be submitted to the said conference at the next annual meeting thereof after such election, and the said conference shall have power to approve such elections or to remove any member or members so elected by the said corporation, and to

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