

change the same at pleasure; to make contracts relative to said institution, to sue and be sued, and by that name 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 its funds, and the appointment of such agents and officers, as they find necessary.

Power to make contracts.

By-laws.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That every person who has paid, or shall hereafter pay to the funds of said institution fifty dollars in any year, or ten dollars annually, for the term of six years, shall be a member for life; and every person paying any sum not less than five dollars, shall be for one year next after such payment, a member of said institution, and the Treasurer's book shall be prima facie evidence of such membership.

Life-membership.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the affairs of said institution shall be managed by twenty Directors, fifteen of whom shall be chosen annually by the members on the first Tuesday in January, and five of whom shall be appointed annually in the month of January by the Mayor of the city of Baltimore, with the advice and consent of the Councils of said city, and in case of failure to appoint or elect at the times hereinbefore mentioned, they shall be appointed or elected as soon thereafter as possible, and a special meeting of the members may be called by the Directors at any time after such failure for the purpose of a special election by them; and in all cases the Directors shall hold office until their successors are appointed or elected; any seven of said Directors shall constitute a quorum, but vacancies shall be filled by the concurrent vote of not less than a majority of the whole number remaining.

Affairs—how managed.

Hold office until successors are appointed.  
Quorum.

Sec. 4. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect from and after the day of its passage; and for the purpose of making the first appointment of Directors, the Mayor of the city of Baltimore shall appoint Directors as soon as possible, and the persons named as members in the first section shall act as Directors on the part of the members until the Directors on their part are chosen; and as soon as possible after the other Directors are appointed, the said Directors on the part of the

To take effect.

Appointment of Directors.

Meeting of directors.