

sors, be and they are hereby created a body politic in the State of Maryland, by the name and style of the "Union Soldiers Home of Maryland;" the object and intention of the said corporation being to provide a permanent home and maintenance for the soldiers who have been wounded in the late war in the defence of the Union, and for this purpose, the said corporation shall have perpetual succession, with power to sue and be sued, to make and use a common seal, and to alter the same at pleasure and generally do all things necessary and proper to be done in carrying out the designs of this act.

Power to purchase or receive property. Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the said corporation shall have power in and by their corporate name to purchase or receive by gift or otherwise, to lease, hold and occupy any property, real, personal or mixed, and to erect thereon a building or buildings suitable for the purpose of providing a home for disabled soldiers as may be deemed fit and proper to carry out the designs of said institution, and promote the comfort and health of the disabled soldiers of Maryland.

Power to sell. Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That they shall have power to sell or otherwise dispose of all property, real, personal or mixed, that may come into their possession by gift, purchase or otherwise, for the use of the corporation.

Time to serve. Sec. 4. *And be it enacted*, That the aforementioned corporation shall serve until the first day of May, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, or until their successors shall be duly elected and qualified.

Election of directors. Sec. 5. *And be it enacted*, That there shall be elected, on the first day of May, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, five directors, to serve for the term of one year from the date of their election, and until their successors shall have been elected, reasonable notice being given preceding the election, and the election held as is usual in corporate institutions.

Appointment of agents. Sec. 6. *And be it enacted*, That the said corporators or their successors shall have power to appoint an agent to solicit contributions in aid of said Soldier's Home, and to any person contributing the sum of five dollars or more, said agent shall issue a proper receipt or certificate of the amount so con-