

Chapter 131.

AN ACT to amend and enlarge the powers granted by the act entitled "An act to provide a fund for the relief of the Widows and Children of the Clergy of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Maryland," passed November session, seventeen hundred and eighty-four, chapter seventy-eight.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, in the period of one hundred years, since the passage of the act herein referred to, the number of persons to be benefited by the corporation thereby created has largely increased, and their needs and necessities have multiplied in various forms; and although the ability of the corporation to meet those wants has also increased, it yet requires further enlargement and more liberty in the use of its income in order thoroughly to accomplish the various charitable purposes that may be subserved thereby; therefore—

Repealed.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the proviso in the act entitled "An act to provide a fund for the relief of the widows and children of the clergy of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Maryland," passed November session, seventeen hundred and eighty-four, chapter seventy-eight, which limits the clean yearly value of the capital fund, stock and other hereditaments and real estate of the corporation thereby created to a sum not exceeding fifteen thousand Spanish milled dollars of the then current weight of seventeen pennyweight and six grains, each dollar above all taxes and assessments, be and the same is hereby repealed, and the said corporation is hereby authorized to hold such funds, stocks and other hereditaments and real estate as authorized by the act aforesaid, provided that the net income arising from the same shall not exceed the sum of fifty thousand dollars per annum.

Admit new members.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That it shall be competent for the said corporation to admit new members by the votes of two-thirds of those members who may be present at any annual meeting of said corporation.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That the said corporation be and it is hereby authorized at any annual, by a