

fit and proper persons shall be chosen and elected in their respective places, according to such by-laws and regulations as said president and visitors may make and appoint.

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SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That in case any of said persons hereinbefore appointed visitors of said hospital shall die, refuse to accept, resign or remove from the counties or the city of Baltimore for which they have been respectively and severally appointed, that then the secretary shall certify the fact to the Governor and Council, who shall be, and are hereby authorised and required to appoint a fit and proper person or persons to fill up such vacancy, which person so appointed, shall be a resident of the county in which the vacancy so occurs, and shall be to all intents and purposes vested with the same power, privileges and authority, as is given to the persons hereinbefore designated as visitors aforesaid, and in whose place and stead they may be so elected and chosen, and if after the election of president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer, as is hereinbefore first directed, the said president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer, or any of said visitors shall die, resign, remove from the city of Baltimore or counties respectively as aforesaid, or in conformity to the by-laws and regulations which said president and visitors may make and ordain, be removed from their several respective places, then an election shall be held to supply their places for the residue of the term respectively, according to the rules, regulations and by-laws, which may be made therefor.

Vacancies.

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted*, That the said visitors, president vice-president, secretary and treasurer, before they proceed to exercise any of the functions of their offices or appointments, shall take an oath or affirmation, as the case may be, faithfully and duly to exercise their respective offices.

Oath of office.

SEC. 7. *And be it enacted*, That the said president and visitors shall have, and they are hereby invested with full power and authority to appoint such, and so many physicians, sergents, apothecaries, superintendants, matrons, nurses and servants, or other officers and persons, for the administration and service of said hospital, as they may deem requisite, who shall hold their appointments at the pleasure of the said president and visitors, and to make, ordain, alter, amend and abolish all by-laws, rules and regulations for the administration and government of said hospital, as they may deem beneficial and advantageous: *Provided*, They admit into said hospital no person affected with any dangerous, contagious or infectious disease; but they may, in their discretion, build or cause to be built, a separate and distinct house or establishment for such persons, on the lot aforesaid: *Provided*, They think it can be safely done, or to purchase and procure another lot or piece of ground, in a convenient and proper situation for the same, and the same when built or established, shall be subjected to the control, management and direction of said president and visitors, in the same manner as the hospital aforesaid.

Powers granted the president and visitors.

SEC. 8. *Provided always: And be it enacted*, That nothing in this act contained, shall in any manner defeat or affect the

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