

LAWS OF MARYLAND.

R. Heck, O. D. Gilbert and their associates and successors in office, be and they are hereby constituted and made a body corporate and politic under the name and style of "The Maryland State Firemen's Association," and by that name shall have perpetual succession, and be capable in law to hold and dispose of property, real and personal, to sue and be sued, complain and defend, in any Court of law or equity; to have and use a common seal and alter and renew the same at pleasure; to make and adopt a constitution and by-laws for the government of said body corporate and its affairs, provided the same shall not conflict with the constitution and laws of this State or of the United States; to elect officers and directors, and generally to do every other act or thing to carry into effect the provisions of this act, or to promote the objects and designs of the said corporation.

Objects and purposes. SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the objects and purposes of this corporation shall be to form a more perfect organization among the volunteer firemen of Maryland, to establish harmony of action, to provide pecuniary support in cases where firemen have been injured while in the performance of their duty, to insure prosperity and success, to promote the best interests of the volunteer firemen of Maryland, to encourage the cultivation of fraternal fellowship, to promote the formation of fire companies in towns and villages in the State that are now without adequate protection from fires, to compile statistics of information concerning the practical working of various systems, and the merits of various apparatus in use for the extinguishing of fires.

Officers. SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That the volunteer fire companies and veteran volunteer firemen's associations of the State of Maryland, composing the membership of this corporation, shall annually, on the second Thursday in June, elect a president, a senior vice-president, one vice-president for each volunteer fire company or veteran association, a recording secretary and a treasurer; and that the president shall annually appoint five persons to act as the executive committee, who, together with the other officers named, shall have the general management of the affairs of the corporation.

Corporate powers. SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* That the said corporation hereby formed shall have full power to receive subscriptions, donations, devises and bequests of money, or real or personal property, in trust or otherwise, and to purchase or otherwise