

Chapter 102.

AN ACT to enable the mayor and city council of Baltimore to accept the transfer of the city stock in which the McDonough Educational Fund is now invested ; and in consideration thereof, to issue other stock to the amount of one million of dollars to the board of trustees of said fund.

WHEREAS the productive educational fund derived by the city of Baltimore under the will of John McDonough, in trust for the education of the poor, is now, as required by city ordinance, invested in the stock or certificates of indebtedness of said city, amounting at par to seven hundred and five thousand dollars, bearing interest, part at the rate of six per cent. and part at the rate of five per cent. per annum, and of the present market value of about nine hundred thousand dollars, and together with other investments in real and personal property, amounting to more than a million of dollars ; and, whereas the said stock becomes less valuable each year as the periods for the redemption of the several issues thereof approach, and, as such redemption from time to time takes place, the income of the said educational fund will be much diminished, and when all the said stock is redeemed and its proceeds reinvested, the income will be so greatly reduced as vitally to impair the usefulness of the McDonough institute ; and, whereas the board of trustees of the said McDonough educational fund and institute is desirous that said fund should be so invested as to produce a more stable and larger income, and thus secure the permanent usefulness of the said institute ; and, whereas, to attain that object, the said board is desirous that the mayor and city council of Baltimore should accept a transfer of all said stock, and in consideration thereof, should issue to the board of trustees of the McDonough educational fund and institute, stock or certificates of indebtedness of the city of Baltimore to the amount of one million of dollars, redeemable after a long period and bearing interest at the rate of five per cent. per annum.

Preamble.