

Chapter 24.

AN ACT to amend the charter of "The Baltimore Association for the Improvement of the Condition of the Poor," and to define its power to hold property.

Name. SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the following shall be the constitution of "The Baltimore Association for the Improvement of the Condition of the Poor:—"

CONSTITUTION.

How called. ARTICLE 1. This institution shall be called "The Baltimore Association for the Improvement of the Condition of the Poor."

Object and design. ART. 2. Its object and design is to discourage indiscriminate alms-giving, street-begging, pauperism and idleness, and to elevate the moral and physical condition of the indigent as so far as compatible with those objects, the relief of their necessities.

How long a member. ART. 3. Every person who pays one dollar or more to the association shall be a member for one year, beginning on the first day of October next succeeding such payment.

Permanent officers. ART. 4. The permanent officers of the association shall consist of a president, ten vice presidents, a treasurer, a recording secretary, a corresponding secretary, one hundred and eighty ward managers (nine from each ward), and four agents, all of which officers, except the four agents and the recording secretary, shall together constitute a board of managers, any twenty of whom, or a member or members from eleven wards, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Quorum. ART. 5. All the officers provided for in article four, except the four agents and the recording secretary, shall be elected annually on the second Tuesday of October, or as soon thereafter as practicable, and hold their offices for one year, or until their successors are chosen. The four agents and the recording secretary shall be appointed, and hold their offices on such terms as may be provided for in the by-laws.

How elected.