

## CHAPTER 29C.

CHAP. 290.

*An act Incorporating the Evangelical Lutheran Congregation, in Hagerstown, and its vicinity.* Passed Mar. 21, 1837.

WHEREAS, application has been made to this General Assembly, for an act of incorporation in behalf of the Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of St. Johns Church, in Hagerstown, which may enable them to manage with convenience their temporal concerns:—  
Therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland.* That the present members of the Church Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of St. John's Church, in Hagerstown, in Washington county, and their successors, shall be, and hereby are created and declared to be, a body corporate, by the name, style and title of the Church Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Congregation, of Hagerstown, and by the same name, shall have perpetual succession, and shall be able and capable in law, to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, in any courts of law or equity, in this State or elsewhere, and to make and have a common seal, and the same to break, alter or renew at their pleasure, and also to ordain and establish, such by-laws and ordinances, as shall be necessary and proper for regulating the temporal concerns of said church for promoting religion in it; provided they be not repugnant to this act, nor to the laws of this State.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the said church council, shall consist of the Pastor to the said congregation for the time being, together with eight elders and five deacons, the said elders and deacons to be elected by the members in regular standing in the Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of St. John's Church, in Hagerstown and its vicinity, at such times and places, and in such manner, as the said congregation by its rules, regulations, and by-laws may direct, each of the elders to continue in office for six years, and each of the deacons to continue in office for three years.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That the said church council may annually elect a president, secretary and