

association, form such rules and regulations, and enact such by-laws as may be necessary for the government of the society, or for carrying into effect the benevolent purposes of this act; *provided*, such rules, regulations and by-laws, shall not be inimical to the constitution or the laws of the United States, or of the State of Maryland, or of the corporation of the city of Baltimore.

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By laws.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That all elections and appointments of officers for the said corporation heretofore made by the members thereof, in their private capacities, shall respectively continue and be in full force until the time specified by this act for the first election of officers of the said corporation.

Present officers

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted*, That the said corporation, and their successors, by the name aforesaid, shall be hereafter able and capable in law, to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto, defend and be defended, in all or any courts of justice, and before all or any judges, officers, or persons whatsoever, in all or singular actions, matters and demands whatsoever; and all legal process that may be hereafter instituted against the said corporation, may be served on the president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, or either of the stewards, on behalf of the same.

Legal capacity

SEC. 7. *And be it enacted*, That it shall and may be lawful for the said corporation and their successors to have a common seal for their use, and the same at their will and at the pleasure of them and their successors, to change, alter, break and make anew from time to time as they shall think best, and shall in general have and exercise all such rights, franchises, privileges and immunities as by law are incident and necessary to corporations of this kind, to enable them duly and fully in the law to execute all things touching and concerning the design and intent of their said corporation for the benevolent succour, relief and good order of its members, and the widows and orphans of deceased members of the said society, agreeably to the constitution and such rules and by-laws as may be established by the said society.

General powers

Object declared

SEC. 8. *And be it enacted*, That no member of said society shall in his individual capacity be answerable for any losses, deficiencies or failure of the joint fund

Liabilities