


CHAP. 154.  ceeding in amount twenty thousand dollars, and by the said name may sue and be sued, and plead, answer and defend, may have and use a common seal, and the same may alter and renew, and may exercise all the other powers incident to corporations aggregate, and all powers authorised by this act, in such manner as they, or a majority of them, may deem proper, subject nevertheless to the control and disposition of the directresses of the said Maria Marthian Society of Baltimore, or a majority of them, as to the disposition and application of all estates, property, effects and funds, which the said trustees shall so hold or have in trust in virtue of this act.

Trustees annually
Election of officers

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the members of The Maria Marthian Society of Baltimore aforesaid, shall meet annually on the first Monday in May or on such other day, and at such place within the city of Baltimore, as the rules or by-laws of the society shall provide, and elect seven ladies as directresses, to manage the business of the said society for one year, and until a new election shall be made; and until such election shall be made, the above *name* Mrs. Mary J. J. Williamson, Mrs. Ann Susan Tierman, Mrs. Eliza Scott, Mrs. Cornelia Howard, Mrs. Jane Chatard, Mrs. Sophia Read and Mrs. Maria Louisa Stewart, shall be the directresses of the said society; and the said directresses, and those hereafter elected as aforesaid, or a majority of them, shall have power to fill all vacancies in their own board, and in the board of trustees incorporated as aforesaid; so as to continue the succession of the said trustees; to elect a president, treasurer, and such other officers of the said society as they may deem necessary; to provide for and regulate the election or other admission of members, the conditions and evidence of membership, the right and manner of voting at elections of directresses; appoint judges of such elections, and the time, place and manner, of holding them; to provide for the receipt and collection of donations, contributions and other funds; to provide for the distribution, or other application, of all property, effects and funds, which they, or the trustees aforesaid, shall obtain or receive, to the payment of all necessary expenses which they shall incur, and to such humane and charitable uses as they may deem proper; and generally to do all such lawful acts, and pass all such by-laws, as shall be necessary to the exercise of all power vested in them by this act, and to effect the benevolent objects of their association.

Property exempt
from taxation

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the property of this society shall be exempted from taxation, until the legislature shall otherwise direct.