

Passed Jan. 31, 1835 *An act to Incorporate the Baltimore Musical Association.*

- Incorporated** Section 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Joseph Jewett, R. Shaw and Alonzo Silby, together with such as may become associated with them, and their successors, be and they hereby are incorporated and made a body politic and corporate, for the purpose of extending the knowledge, and improving the style of performance, of church music, by the name of "The Baltimore Musical Association," and by that name they may sue and be sued, have a common seal, and the same at pleasure alter, and be entitled to use the powers and privileges incident to such corporations.
- Title**
- Officers** Sec. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That the said corporation shall at their first, or some subsequent meeting, choose a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and such other officers as they may deem necessary or convenient for the government and regulations of said corporation and its property; they shall have the power to make standing rules or by-laws, for prescribing the terms of office, and duties of their officers, for regulating the terms on which persons may be admitted, and continued members of the corporation, and generally for the regulation of their officers; provided such by-laws are not repugnant to the laws of this State, or of the United States.
- Powers**
- Property** Sec. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That the said corporation shall be capable of taking and holding real estate, not exceeding the value of ten thousand dollars, and personal estate, not exceeding the value of ten thousand dollars, which estate shall never be divided among the members of the corporation, but shall descend to their successors, subject to the payment of the just debts to be incurred by said corporation.
- First meeting** Sec. 4. *And be it enacted,* That Joseph Jewett shall have power to call the first meeting of said corporation, by appointing a time and place therefor, and giving written notice thereof to the other persons named and incorporated by this act, at least three days before such time of such meeting.
- Banking forbid** Sec. 5. *And be it enacted,* That this corporation shall not be permitted to issue any negotiable note or notes, or notes payable to bearer, or notes in the form of a Bank note.
- Reservation** Sec. 6. *And be it enacted,* This act shall any time be