

orphan children and other dependent children, both boys and girls, regardless of creed or race, which shall be committed or intrusted to its care, to the end that said orphan and dependent children may be instructed in and taught some useful trade or occupation, and brought under wholesome Christian influences, and receive at least such educational advantages as the public schools of Garrett County shall provide.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That said Corporation shall have perpetual existence, the right to have and use a common seal with such device and inscription as it may deem proper, with power to purchase or otherwise acquire, hold, mortgage pledge and dispose of real and personal property sufficient for its needs and purposes, not to exceed in value any real estate at any one time, of more than twenty-five thousand (\$25,000.00) dollars.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That said Corporation shall have the power and authority to enter into written contracts or agreements with any parent or parents, guardian or guardians, or other persons having the legal control of such orphan or other destitute and dependent children, by which said child or children is or are committed to the care and control of said Corporation for a limited time, or until such child or children shall arrive at the age of 21 years, and said Corporation is hereby authorized and empowered to receive any such child or children under any such agreement or contract, and retain control of said child or children, for the time in said agreement specified, not to exceed the time at which said child or children shall arrive at the age of 21 years, and shall also have the power to receive under its authority and control, any child or children that may be committed to its care and custody by the legal authority of Garrett County, Maryland, under due process of law.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That any Judge of the Circuit Court for Garrett County, or any Justice of the Peace of said Garrett County, shall have power and authority to commit any destitute or dependent child or children to the care and control of said Corporation, for a limited time, or until such child or children shall reach the age of 21 years, provided said Corporation has expressed a willingness to receive and assume the care and control of such child or children, which said willingness on the part of said Corporation, shall always first be ascertained by said Judge or Justice of the Peace, and the terms and conditions on which said child or children shall be so committed and received, are agreed upon, before any such commitment shall be made.