

corporation herein erected, or may be admitted into the said corporation, agreeably to the constitution, rules and by-laws of the same, and their successors, are hereby declared to be one community, corporation and body politic, by the name, style and title of the Franklin Beneficial Total Abstinence Society of Fell's Point; *provided nevertheless*, that the said corporation may be dissolved at any time, by the consent of its members, as is hereinafter provided.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the affairs of the society shall be managed and conducted by a president, vice-president, treasurer, secretary, and five stewards, to be chosen annually, on the second Wednesday in September, in each and every succeeding year, in such manner as the said society shall think proper to approve.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the present members of the said society, and their successors, by their corporate name, shall be persons able and capable in law to purchase, take, have and enjoy, to them and their successors, any lands, tenements, rents, annuities, chattels, registered debt or other public securities within this State; and the same at pleasure to alien, sell, transfer or lease, in such manner as they may judge most conducive to the charitable uses of said society; *provided nevertheless*, that the said corporation or body politic, shall not any time hold or possess property, real, personal or mixed, exceeding in total value the sum of twenty thousand dollars.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That the members of the said corporation and their successors, may meet together on the second Wednesday in September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-one, at some convenient place in the city of Baltimore, and on the same day annually thereafter, and then and there elect the officers of the said society; form such rules and regulations, and enact such by-laws as may be necessary for insuring and carrying into effect the benevolent purposes of this act; *provided*, such rules, regulations and by-laws, be not repugnant to the constitution and laws of the United States, of the State of Maryland, or of the Corporation of the City of Baltimore.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That all the appointments of officers for the said society 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 for the said corporation.

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Name and style

Officers—when elected

May hold property

Limit \$20,000

Annual meeting

Proviso

Present officers to continue in office until annual election