

uses of said society; *provided nevertheless*, that the said corporation, shall not at any one time hold or possess property, real, personal or mixed, exceeding in total value the sum of five thousand dollars.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That the members of the said corporation and their successors, in their corporate name, may meet on the day by them to be named in the year one thousand, eight hundred and forty-two, in the city of Baltimore, in the month of March, and the same day annually thereafter, then and there elect the officers of the said society, for such rules and regulations, and enact such by-laws as be necessary for carrying into effect the benevolent purposes of this act; *provided*, such rules, regulations and by-laws be not repugnant to the constitution of the United States, of the State of Maryland, and of the corporation of the city of Baltimore.

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

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, defend and be defended, in all or any courts of justice, and before all or any judges, officers or persons, whatsoever, in all and singular actions, matters and demands whatsoever, and all legal process that may be instituted by the said corporation, shall be in the name of the president and stewards of the William Wirt Beneficial Society of Baltimore, and that all process that may hereafter instituted against the said society, be served on the president, on behalf of the same.

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

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Election of officers.

Appointments made valid.

Legal powers

Corporate powers.

SEC. 8. *And* society shall in losses, deficiencies, society, for a than the current fund of the so

SEC. 9. *And* thought necessary that effect shall meeting of the stated meeting has been two take effect in the city of Baltimore.

SEC. 10. construed so any note, taken be used as a

SEC. 11. thirty years, right to charter pleasure.

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