succession in deed and in law to all intents and purposes, CHAP. 170. connected with said institutions, by the name and style of The Island Creek Academy of Calvert County, by which name and title they and their successors shall be competent and capable in law and equity, to take and hold to themselves and their successors, for the use of the said academy, any estate in messuages, lands and tenements, annuities, goods, chattels, moneys or effects, by gift, grant or bargain and sale, conveyance, devise or bequest of any person or persons whatsoever; provided, the same do not exceed in Proviso. the whole, the clear yearly value of two thousand dollars, and the same messuages, lands and tenements, and other estate, real or personal, to farm, let and put out on interest, for the use of the said academy, in such manner as to them or a majority of them shall seem most beneficial to the institution, and to receive the rents, issues, profits, income and interest of the same, and to apply the emoluments thereof to the proper use and advancement of said acade-

SEC. 2. And be it enacted, That on the first Monday in Election first April, in each and every year, an election shall be held by Monday the qualified voters of the academy, and the trustees in power shall annually, ten days previous to the election, set up three public notices, one at each of the most public places in the neighbourhood, notifying the subscribers of the election for trustees of said academy, which said election shall be by ballot, and conducted as follows, to wit: every subscriber to said institution shall be allowed one vote, and the seven persons having a majority of the votes, shall be declared duly elected the trustees for the ensuing year; provided that no person but a subscriber shall be a

trustee. SEC. 3. And be it enacted, That after an annual election, Trustees to fill à vacancy shall occur among the members elected, by the vacancies. death, resignation or refusal of any one or more of the trustees, or by the neglect of any one or more of them to attend three regular meetings of the board of trustees, the remaining trustees shall proceed with all convenient despatch to fill the vacancy, by electing by ballot other sensible or discreet person or persons from among the subscribers to said institution, so as to perpetuate the number of seven persons as trustees of said academy.

SEC. 4. And be it enacted, That the said trustees and their successors by the name and style aforesaid, shall be powers. capable in law to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any court or courts, and before any judge, justice or justices within this state and elsewhere, in all and any manner

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