

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

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Elect officers,
&c.

Proviso.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That the said corporation and their successors, by the name aforesaid, shall be able and capable in law to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto, defend and be defended, in all or any court of justice, and before all or any judge, officer or persons whatsoever, in all and singular actions, matters and demands whatsoever, and that all legal process that may be hereafter instituted by the said corporation, shall be in the name of the president and stewards of the Equitable Life Insurance Society of Baltimore, and that all process that may be hereafter instituted against the society shall be served on the president on behalf of the same.

Legal capacity.

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted*, That all appointments of officers for the said society heretofore made by the members thereof, in their private capacity, shall respectively continue and be in full force until the time specified by this act, for the first election of officers for said corporation.

Appointment
of officers, to
continue, &c.

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 the will and pleasure of them and their successors, to change, alter, break and make anew from time to time, as they shall think best, and shall in general have and exercise all such rights, franchises, privileges and immunities, as by law are incident and necessary to corporations of this kind, and which may be necessary to the corporations 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 intent of their said corporation for the benevolent succor, relief and good order of its members, and the widows, orphans and other friends of deceased members of this society, agreeably to the constitution and such rules and bye-laws as may be established by the said society.

Common seal,
&c.