

- CHAP. 196.** and their successors, shall and may at all times hereafter, be capable in law, to have, receive and retain to them and their successors, property real and personal; also devisees and bequests of any persons, bodies corporate or politic, capable of making the same, and the same, at their pleasure, to transfer or dispose of in such manner as they may think proper; *provided always*, that the said corporation or body politic, shall not at any time hold or possess property, real, personal or mixed, exceeding in value the sum of five thousand dollars.
- Proviso.** **SEC. 2.** *And be it enacted*, That the said corporation and their successors, by the name and title aforesaid, shall be hereafter capable in law to sue and be sued, to plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto, defend and be defended in all or any courts of justice, and before all or any judges, officers or persons whatsoever, in all and any singular actions and matters whatsoever.
- Corporate powers.** **SEC. 3.** *And be it enacted*, That it shall and may be lawful for the said corporation to have a common seal for their use, and the same at their will and pleasure to change alter and make new, from time to time, as they may think best, and shall in general have and exercise all such rights, privileges and immunities as by law are incident or necessary to corporations, and may be necessary to the corporation herein constituted, and to enable the members of said order to exercise all things concerning the designs of this corporation for the benevolent relief of the sick and distressed and the promotion of their purposes generally.
- Common seal.** **SEC. 4.** *And be it enacted*, That it shall and may be lawful at any time, for the general assembly to demand a statement of the amount of property, real or personal, belonging to the said corporation, and of the debts due to and from said corporation and the purposes for which disbursements shall have been made, and shall also have the right to authorize one or more persons to inspect such general accounts in the books of the corporation as shall relate to such statement.
- Legislature may demand statement.** **SEC. 5.** *And be it enacted*, That the general assembly of Maryland reserves the right to change, alter or amend this corporation at any time.
- Right reserved.** **SEC. 6.** *And be it enacted*, That nothing in this act shall be so construed as to authorize the said corporation to issue any note, scrip, token, device or evidence of debt to be used as a currency.
- Issues forbid.**