

Clark Batou, Alexander F. Gaw, Richard T. Howell, Richard Edwards, Thomas Stockdale, Beall Helms, George W. Anderson, Oliver W. Wheeler, James T. Ploughman, William H. Harrison, Thomas Radcliffe, James Ware, jun'r. John Love, and all others who are or may be hereafter admitted into the association, agreeably to such rules or regulations as now or may be from time to time be established for the government and management of the same, and their successors and assigns, be, and they are hereby created a corporation and body politic, by the name and style of the Howard Lyceum, and by that name shall have perpetual succession and shall be able and capable in law, to sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, answer and be answered in any court of law or equity, and make and use a common seal, and the same to change and alter at pleasure and to ordain and establish such by-laws and regulations, not contrary to law as shall be necessary or convenient for conducting the affairs of this corporation.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the corporation and their successors by the aforesaid name shall be, and are hereby made able and capable in law to have, purchase, receive and possess, enjoy and retain to them and their successors, lands, tenements, rents annuities, pensions and other hereditaments in fee simple or for a term of years, life or lives; or otherwise and also goods, chattels and effects of what nature, kind or quality soever, and the same to grant, demise, alien or dispose of, and by the name aforesaid, to do and execute all other things touching the same, *provided*, that the total value of the property of said corporation, real, personal or mixed, shall not exceed the sum of five thousand dollars.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That from and after the passage of this act, the officers of the Howard Lyceum shall consist of a president, vice-president, secretary, corresponding secretary, treasurer, librarian and an executive committee of three, who shall be elected by ballot on the first Thursday in April next, and semi-annually thereafter, a majority of members present at the meeting being necessary to constitute a choice; the association shall also have power to appoint such other officers, as they may deem necessary and expedient in such manner as they may think proper.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That until there shall be under this act, an election of officers necessary to the uses of this institution, those now acting, or who may be hereafter appointed, to act under any existing regulations of the association shall continue so to do according to the

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Corporate powers.

Proviso.

Officers.

Until an election be necessary, those acting to continue.