

CHAP. 319

Members and successors to elect officers.

Proviso

Appointments of officers to continue until first election.

Corporate rights.

Common seal.

Members not answerable for losses, &c.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* That the members of the said corporation and their successors, may meet together at such time and place as the said society may deem proper, and then and there elect the officers of the said society, and form such rules and regulations, and enact such by-laws as may be necessary for assuring and carrying into effect the benevolent purposes of this act; *provided,* such rules, regulations and by laws be not repugnant to the constitution and laws of the United States, of the State of Maryland, or 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 thereof, in their private capacities, shall respectively continue and be in full force until the time for the first election of officers for the said corporation.

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted,* That the said corporation and their successors, by the name aforesaid, shall be forever hereafter 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 courts of justice, and before all and any judges, officers 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 Washington Beneficial Society of Baltimore, and that all process that may be hereafter instituted against the said society, shall be served on the president in the behalf of the same.

SEC. 7. *And be it enacted,* That it shall and may be lawful for the said corporation and their successors, forever hereafter, to have a common seal for their use, and the same at their will and pleasure, to change, alter and 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 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 intent of their said corporation, for the benevolent succor, 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.

SEC. 8. *And be it enacted,* That no member of the said society shall, in his individual capacity, be answerable for any losses, deficiencies or failures of the joint funds of the said society, for any more or larger sum or sums of money whatsoever, than the current amount by him payable into the common fund of the society.