

may enable them to manage with convenience their temporal concerns. Therefore,

CHAP. 91.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the present members of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the State of Maryland and their successors, shall be and hereby are created and declared to be a body corporate by the name, style and title of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the State of Maryland, and by the same name shall have perpetual succession and shall be able and capable in law to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in courts of law or equity in this State or elsewhere, and to make and have a common seal, and the same to break, alter or renew at their pleasure, and also to ordain and establish such by-laws and ordinances as shall be necessary and proper for the regulating the temporal concerns of said synod, for promoting religion in it, *provided* they be not repugnant to this act or the laws of this State.

Incorporated

Proviso.

Officers.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the said synod shall consist of a president, secretary, treasurer, for the time being, together with such ministers of the gospel and laymen, as they in their wisdom and prudence may from time to time admit as members of said synod.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That the said synod may annually elect a president, secretary and treasurer, who are to comply with such rules and regulations as may be adopted by the said synod.

Annually to elect.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* That the said synod and their successors by the name and style aforesaid, shall be able and capable in law, to have, purchase, take, receive and hold lands, tenements, rents, annuities and other hereditaments which may be sold devised or in any other way conveyed to said synod for their use, or in trust for them, *provided,* that the said corporation shall not at any time hold or possess property, real, personal or mixed exceeding in total value the sum of fifty thousand dollars.

Corporate powers.

Proviso.

#### CHAPTER 91.

*An act more properly to divide the States donations to Academies in Worcester county.*

Passed Feb. 12, 1844.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That from and after the passage of this act, the Treasurer of the Western Shore, is hereby authorised and required to pay the donations to academies belonging to Wor-

Treasurer to pay donations.