

and grants whatsoever; and to make, have and use a common seal, and the same to renew at pleasure; and generally to do every other act or thing necessary to carry into effect the provisions of this act. CHAP 143.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That there shall be a meeting of the members of the said Western Mechanics Savings Institution of Baltimore, on such day in the month of March next, and at such place as the five persons first named in this act, or any three of them, shall appoint, and give at least ten days notice of such meeting in two or more newspapers printed in the city of Baltimore, and on such day in the month of March, eighteen hundred and thirty-nine, and at such place annually thereafter, as the by laws of said institution shall provide, for the purpose of choosing from among the members, twelve directors to manage the affairs of the institution for twelve months thereafter, and until a new election of directors shall take place; and the five members first above named shall be judges of the first election of directors, and the judges of all future elections shall be appointed, and notice of such elections given in such manner as the by-laws of said institution shall provide; *provided*, that such elections shall be made within one month from the expiration of the term for which the preceding directors shall have been elected.

Meeting to organize

Notice required

Annual meetings thereafter

Elect officers

Judges of election

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That any white free person may become a member of this institution for the purpose of making deposits and receiving the benefit of such dividends of interest or profit, as may be made and declared from time to time, but no member shall be entitled to vote for the choice of any officer, or be capable of being elected to any office in this institution at the time of his being elected into office, who is not a practical and operating mechanic, their attendants, butchers, horticulturist or carter, as the by-laws of said institution shall provide, or under the provisions of this act, and no person shall be considered a member until he has signed the constitution, and when any member cease to be such, his name shall be erased, or otherwise so marked, as to show that he has ceased to be a member.

Membership defined

Practical mechanic

Sec. 4. *And be it enacted*, That the directors for the time being, or a majority of them, shall have pow-

Appointment of president and officers