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An act to incorporate, the Franklin Institute and Baltimore Lyceum of Natural History. Passed Feb. 9, 1839.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That James Young, David Ring, Cornelius L. L. Leary, Charles R. Taylor, Edward Foreman, Phillip H. Muller, and John Thomas Smith, their associates, successors and assigns, be and they are hereby created a corporation and body politic, by the name and style of the Franklin Institute and Baltimore Lyceum of Natural History, and by that name shall have perpetual succession, be able and capable in law to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered in any court of law or equity, to make and use a common seal, and the same to alter, amend or change at pleasure, to ordain and establish such by-laws and regulations as shall be necessary or convenient for conducting the affairs of the said corporation; *provided* such by-laws or regulations, be not repugnant to the constitution and laws of the United States, or of the State of Maryland.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the officers of the Institute shall consist of a President, two Vice Presidents, corresponding and recording Secretary, Treasurer, six Curators, and a standing committee of three, all of whom shall be elected, semi-annually in July and December, in every year; the election shall be by ballot, and no person shall be considered elected, unless he receive a majority of the votes given, and should any vacancy occur in any of the above offices, such vacancy shall be filled at the next meeting after such vacancy be known, and recorded upon the books of the corporation.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted,* That the objects of this corporation are declared to be the promotion of literature and encouragement of the arts and sciences, by providing a library, philosophical, chemical and astronomical apparatus, a collection of minerals, shells, birds, busts, engravings and paintings, together with such buildings, conveniences and appurtenances as may from time to time be necessary to carry the purposes of the corporation into full and complete effect,