

- CHAP. 174.** by the gift, purchase, or devise of or from any person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, capable to make the same, and the same at their pleasure to alien, sell, transfer or lease in such manner as they may judge most conducive to the charitable uses of the said society; *provided nevertheless*, that the said corporation or body politic, shall not at any time, hold or possess property, real, personal or mixed, exceeding in total value the sum of twenty thousand dollars.
- Estate limited**
- Annual meeting**      **SEC. 4.** *And be it enacted*, That the members of the said corporation and their successors may meet together on the fourth Monday in December, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight, at some convenient place in the city of Baltimore, or in the precincts thereof, and on the same day annually thereafter, and then and there elect the officers of the said society, and enact such bye-laws as may be necessary for assuring and carrying into effect the benevolent purposes of this act; *provided*, such rules, regulations and bye-laws be not repugnant to the constitution and laws of the United States, or of the State of Maryland, or of the corporation of the city of Baltimore.
- And elections**
- By Laws**
- Present officers**      **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 specified by this act for the first election of officers for the said corporation.
- Legal capacity**      **SEC. 6.** *And be it enacted*, That the said corporation and their successors, by the name aforesaid, shall be 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 or 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 standing committee of the German Beneficial Society of the State of Maryland, and that all process that may be hereafter instituted against the said society, shall be served on the
- Process**