

CHAP. 303.

Jacob Martin, Joshua Stokes, John S. Pennell, James Stokes, John Arthur, Alexander Robinson, Henry Stokes, Godlieb J. Sigmond, Joshua F. Stevenson, Henry Hosplehorn, George Park, Reuben Apler, George W. Foreman, Joseph Willhide and others, officers and members of Mechanicstown Division, number twenty-one, of the Sons of Temperance, in Frederick county, and their successors be, and they are hereby declared to be a community, corporation and body politic, by the name, style and title of the Mechanicstown Division, number twenty-one of the Sons of Temperance, and by that name, they and their successors, shall and may at all times hereafter be capable in law to have, hold, receive and retain to them and their successors, property, real or personal, either or both, also devises or bequests of any description of property from any person or persons, capable in law of making the same, and the same at their pleasure to transfer or dispose of in such manner as they may think proper; *provided always*, that the said corporation or body politic, shall not at any one time, hold or possess property, real, personal or mixed, which shall be of the annual value of or yield an income annually, exceeding two thousand dollars.

Name and style.

Proviso.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the said corporation and their successors, by the name and title aforesaid, shall be 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 in all and singular any actions, matters and demands whatsoever.

Legal capacity.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That it shall and may be lawful for the said corporation to make by-laws, and have a common seal for their use, and the same at their pleasure to change, alter and make anew from time to time as they may think best, and shall in general have and exercise all such rights, powers, privileges and immunities as by law are incident or necessary to the corporation herein constituted, to enable its members to exercise all things concerning the designs of the corporation, for the relief of the sick and distressed, and for the promotion of their benevolent purposes generally.

Make by-laws

Corporate powers

Sec. 4. *And be it enacted*, That the funds and estate of the corporation shall not at any time be divided or distributed amongst the members or diverted from the purposes contemplated by its formation, without the permission of the General Assembly of Maryland.

Funds not to be divided or distributed.