

ger, Adam Noll, Andrew Diehl, Joseph Leitsch, Adam Adam, Adam Mutze, Frederick Sitzler, Reichert Herrman, Peter Herrman, John M. Reich, Henry Besenberg and others, that now are, or may hereafter become members of the said corporation hereby created, or may be admitted unto the said corporation agreeably to the constitution, rules and by-laws of the same; and their successors are hereby declared to be one community, corporation and body politic, by the name, style and title of the German Jefferson Beneficial Society of the State of Maryland; *provided nevertheless*, that the said corporation may be dissolved at any time by the consent of its members as hereinafter provided.

Proviso.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the affairs of the said society shall be managed and conducted by a president, vice president, treasurer and standing committee, and a secretary to be chosen out of said committee, the whole to be elected annually on the third Wednesday in February in each and every succeeding year in such manner as the said society shall think proper to appoint.

Officers to be chosen.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the present members of the said society and their successors, by their corporate name, shall and may have perpetual succession, and shall and may at all times hereafter be personable and capable in law to purchase, take, have and enjoy to them and their successors in fee, or less estate or estates, any lands, tenements, rents, annuities, chattles, United States' stock, bank stock, registered debt or other public securities within this State, by the gift, purchase or devise, of or from any person or persons, body 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 shall not at any time hold or possess property, real, personal or mixed, exceeding in total value the sum of five thousand dollars.

Corporate powers.

Proviso.

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 forty-seven, at some convenient place in the city of Baltimore, or in the proceeds thereof, and on the same day annually thereafter, and then and there elect the officers of the said society, and enact such by-laws as may be necessary for assuring and carrying into effect the benevolent purposes of this act; *provided*, such rules, regulations and

Election of officers.