

CHAP. 32. *theless*, that the said corporation may be dissolved at any time by the consent of its members as herein after provided.

Officers and members.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the affairs of said society shall be managed and directed by a president, vice president, treasurer, secretary and a standing committee, to consist of nine members, of which number, the secretary shall be one, and shall officiate as clerk to said committee, said officer to be elected annually on the second Tuesday in January, in each and every year, in such manner as said society shall think proper to appoint.

May hold real estate, &c.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the present members of said society, and their successors, by their corporate name, shall and may have succession, and may be at all times hereafter able and capable in law to purchase, take and have and enjoy to them and their successors in fee simple or less estate, any lands, tenements, rents, annuities, chattels, United States stock, bank stocks, register debt or other public securities within this State, and the same at their pleasure to alien, sell and transfer or lease in such manner as they may judge most conducive to the charitable uses of said society; *provided nevertheless*, that the said society shall not, at any one time, hold or possess property, real or personal, exceeding in total value the sum of ten thousand dollars.

Time of meeting.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That the members of said corporation and their successors, may meet on the second Tuesday in January, in the year eighteen hundred and forty-eight, at some convenient place in the city of Baltimore, and on the same day annually forever thereafter, then and there to elect officers of the said society, form such rules and regulations, and enact such by-laws as may be necessary for assuring and carrying into effect the benevolent purposes of this act; *provided*, such rules and regulations and by-laws be not repugnant to the constitution and laws of the United States, of the State of Maryland, and of the corporation of the city of Baltimore.

Corporate powers.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That the said corporation shall be able and capable 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 judge or judges, officers or persons whatsoever, in all and singular actions, matters, and demands whatsoever, in law or equity, and all legal or equitable process that may be instituted by the said corporation, shall

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