

CHAP. 356. may proceed to collect the same, or any part thereof, in the manner hereinafter provided.

Directors.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That Edward Wilkins, Joseph T. Mitchell, Josiah Ringgold, Wilham S. Constable, James B. Ricaud, John B. H. Anderson, Thomas C. Kennard, Hugh Wallis, George W. Spencer, John M. Comegys, William H. Blackiston and Francis L. Wallis, are hereby created directors of the said Mutual Protection Society, until the third Monday in September, one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, and until their successors shall be elected as hereinafter provided for, and such of them as shall be present at their first meeting, shall proceed to organize the said society, by electing a president and secretary thereof, and as soon after as practicable, adopt a constitution and by-laws, to provide the necessary books, and otherwise prepare the said society for the transaction of business, and when so prepared, to exercise a general superintendence of the affairs of the society; and the board of directors above named, and any subsequent board of directors, to be selected and chosen as hereinafter provided for, shall have authority to fix the compensation, salary and fees of the officers of said society, and all officers of the society shall be appointed by the directors, who shall be present at the first meeting of the board after the annual election of directors; and in case of any vacancy or vacancies occurring in the board of directors at any time, by death, resignation or otherwise, the remaining directors shall have power to fill such vacancies, and the person or persons thus chosen, shall continue to act until the next annual election.

President and Secretary to give notice.

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the president or secretary of said society annually, to give notice of at least two weeks, by advertisement in some newspaper published in Kent county, or by notice posted at such public places in the county, as he may deem proper, of the election, which shall be held on the third Monday of September, in each and every year, for twelve directors of the society who shall be members thereof; but in case such election from any cause should not be held on the said day, the society shall not in consequence thereof be dissolved, but such election may be held at such subsequent time as may be selected by the directors, or a majority of them, and until such new election the president and directors then in office shall continue to act; and at all elections each member may have one vote, and may vote either in person or by proxy.

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