

delegates of the city of Baltimore, and for elector of the senate, and shall have and exercise all the rights and authorities respecting such elections which were vested in the commissioners of Baltimore-town, in virtue of the constitution and form of government.

C H A P. LVII.

II. And be it enacted, That all such parts of the constitution and form of government as make the commissioners of Baltimore-town judges of the elections for delegates, and for elector of the senate, be and the same are hereby repealed.

Parts of the constitution repealed.

III. And be it enacted, That this act shall commence and be in force, if it shall be published at least three months before the next election of delegates, and shall be confirmed by the general assembly, in their first session after such new election.

Commencement.

C H A P. LVIII.

An ACT to incorporate the presbyterian church in the city of Baltimore.

Passed January 20.

WHEREAS application hath been made to this general assembly for an act of incorporation, in behalf of the presbyterian church in the city of Baltimore, which may enable them to manage with convenience their temporal concerns,

Preamble.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the present committee of the said church, consisting of the following persons, viz. William Smith, Robert Purviance, James Calhoun, David Stewart, Robert Gilmor, Samuel Smith, William Patterson, Christopher Johnson, George Brown, John Swann, William Robb and James A. Buchanan, and their successors, to be elected as herein after mentioned, with their minister for the time being, shall be, and hereby are created and declared to be, a body politic and corporate, by the name, style and title, of The Committee of the Presbyterian Church in the City of Baltimore, and by the same name shall have perpetual succession, and shall be able to sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, in any court of law or equity in this state, or elsewhere, and to make and have a common seal, and the same to break, alter or renew, at their pleasure, and also to ordain and establish such by-laws and ordinances as shall appear necessary for regulating the temporal concerns of the said church, and for promoting literature within the same, not being repugnant to this act or the laws of this state.

Committee incorporated, &c.

III. And be it enacted, That the successors of the present committee of the said church shall be elected in the manner following, viz. The members of the said church being twenty-one years of age, holding a pew or part of a pew therein, and not being in arrears more than six months for the same, may and shall meet, at such place as may be appointed by the said corporation, on the first Monday of May, in the year eighteen hundred and one, or on any other Monday of the same month, and they may and shall continue to meet in like manner on the first Monday of May every third year, or on any other Monday of the same month, whereof due notice shall be always given by the president of the said corporation for the time being in the forenoon of the Sunday preceding the day of such meeting, at the place where public worship is usually held, and then and there they, or so many as may attend, shall elect, *viva voce*, twelve members of the said church.

How to be elected, &c.

IV. And be it enacted, That in case of the death or resignation of any lay member of the said body corporate, the remaining members, or a majority of them, shall have full power and authority, at their next or any subsequent meeting, to elect another person in his place.

How vacancies are to be filled.

V. And be it enacted, That all the lands and tenements, with their appertinances, now vested in trustees for the use of the said church, and all other property of the said church, shall be and are hereby absolutely and unconditionally vested

Lands, &c. vested, &c.