

## CHAP. 35.

Times of meeting  
—officers

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shall not at any one time hold or possess property, real, personal or mixed, exceeding in total value the sum of fifty thousand dollars.

4. *And be it enacted*, That the members of the said corporation, and their successors, may meet together on the first Thursday in May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty, at some convenient place in the city of Baltimore, and on the same day annually for ever thereafter; and then and there elect the 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, regulations and by-laws, be not repugnant to the constitution and laws of the United States, of the state of Maryland, of the corporation of the city of Baltimore.

5. *And be it enacted*, That all appointments of officers for the said society heretofore made by the members thereof in their private capacities, shall respectively continue and be in full force until the time specified by this act for the first election of officers for the said corporation.

6. *And be it enacted*, That the said corporation, and their successors, by the name aforesaid, shall be for ever hereafter able and 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 whatsoever, in all and singular actions, matters and demands whatsoever, and that all legal process that may be hereafter instituted by the said corporation, shall be in the name of the president and stewards of the Baltimore Friendly Society, and that all process that may be hereafter instituted against the said society shall be served on the president, on behalf of the same.

7. *And be it enacted*, That it shall and may be lawful for the said corporation, and their successors, for ever hereafter, to have a common seal for their use, and the same at their will, and pleasure of them, and their successors, to change, alter, break and make anew, from time to time, as they shall think best, and shall in general have and exercise all such rights, franchises, privileges and immunities, as by law are incident and necessary to corporations of this kind, and which may be necessary to the corporation herein and hereby constituted and erected, to enable them duly and fully in the law to execute all things touching and concerning the design and intent of their said corporation, for the benevolent succour, relief and good order, of its members, and the widows and orphans of deceased members of the said society, agreeable to the constitution, and such rules and by-laws, as may be established by the said society.

8. *And be it enacted*, That no member of the said society shall in his individual capacity be answerable for any losses, deficiencies, or failures of the joint funds of the said society, for any more or larger sum or sums of money whatsoever than to the current amount by him payable into the common fund of the society.

9. *And be it enacted*, That if at any time it may be thought necessary to dissolve this society, a proposition to that effect shall be laid on the table, in writing, at a stated meeting of the society, and may be discussed at the next stated or special meeting, but shall not be finally decided on until it has been two full months before the