

**CHAP. 43.** and before any judge, justice or justices, in this state and elsewhere, in all manner of suits, complaints, pleas, causes, matters and demands, of whatever nature, kind or form they be, and all and every other matter or thing to do therein in as full and effectual manner as any other person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, within this state, or any other of the United States, in like cases may or can do and perform; and the said trustees, and their successors, or a quorum of them, shall have full power and authority to have, make and use one common seal, with such devices and inscriptions as they shall think proper, and the same seal at their pleasure to break, alter or renew.

Appointment of professors, &c

4. *And be it enacted,* That the said trustees, and their successors, or a quorum of them, from time to time, and at all times hereafter, shall have full power and authority to constitute and appoint, in such manner as they shall think best and most convenient, professors, teachers and assistants, for instructing the students and scholars of the said academy or school in the languages, and such sciences and branches of education as they shall think proper and suitable to be taught therein, and to make all such laws, ordinances, rules, orders or regulations, for the government of the said academy or school, and the instruction of the pupils as aforesaid, and the direction, visitation, and examination of the said seminary, and the scholars therein; as shall in their opinion best promote the important objects of the institution, provided the same be not repugnant to the constitution and the laws of this state.

Times of meeting

5. *And be it enacted,* That the said trustees, and their successors, or a quorum of them, shall meet at least four times in every year in stated quarterly meetings, to be appointed by their own ordinances, and at such other times as their own ordinances, or by their own adjournments they may direct, and when so assembled they shall have power from time to time, to appoint a president, treasurer and secretary, and to do all and every other thing or matter necessary for the government and discipline of the said institution, and the management of its affairs.

Trustees to qualify

6. *And be it enacted,* That before any trustee herein before appointed, or hereafter to be elected, shall proceed to execute the trust and authorities delegated by this act, he shall qualify himself before some justice of the peace, by making oath, or affirming, as the case may be, that he will truly and faithfully execute and perform the duties of a trustee of said academy or school, without partiality or prejudice, according to the best of his skill and judgment.

Five declared quorum

7. *And be it enacted,* That any five or more of the said trustees shall be and are hereby declared to be, a quorum, and are hereby empowered to meet from time to time in said academy or school, or any other place in the neighbourhood of the said seminary previously designated by the said trustees at their last meeting, and when so assembled may, in the absence of the other trustees who do not attend, do any act, matter or thing, which the whole number of trustees, or a quorum of them, might do were they present or attending, any thing or any law to the contrary notwithstanding.