

Downes, James Paul, George Holtzman, Edward Loane, Thomas Holtzman, and all others; who now are or may hereafter become members of said society, and their successors, are hereby declared to be one community and body corporate forever, by the name, style and title of the Maryland Beneficial Society of Baltimore, and by that name they shall be and are hereby made able and capable in law to receive contributions, and purchase, possess, enjoy and retain to them and their successors, lands, tenements, rents, annuities or other hereditaments, and the same to dispose of in such manner as they may judge most conducive to the interest of the said society; *Provided*, That the said corporation or body politic, shall not at any one time hold or possess property, real, personal or mixed, exceeding the sum of fifty thousand dollars; *And provided also*, That nothing herein contained shall be construed to authorise or empower said society, to do or perform any act not necessary to the attainment of the benevolent purposes for which the said society is herein declared to be incorporated.

Limitation.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the said society, and their successors by the aforesaid name, shall forever hereafter, be able and capable in law to sue and be sued, in all or any courts of justice whatsoever. And the said society may also adopt such by-laws and regulations, as they may deem necessary for the government thereof, the authentication of its acts, and the proper management of its concerns; provided, that the same shall not be contrary to any provision of this act, or any law of this state or of the United States.

Powers granted.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the affairs of said society shall be managed and conducted by a president, vice-president, treasurer, secretary, nine stewards and a messenger, who shall be elected on the first Tuesday in April next, and annually thereafter, and until said elections, the affairs of said society shall be conducted by the present officers.

Officers to manage

Sec. 4. *And be it enacted*, That if at any time it shall be deemed 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 meeting of the society, but shall not be finally decided on until it has been nine full months before the society, and shall not take effect unless three-fourths of the members residing within the city of Baltimore are in favor thereof.

Method of dissolving.

Sec. 5. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall be, and remain in force until the first day of January, eighteen hundred and forty-five, and until the end of the next session of the General Assembly thereafter.

Limit.