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Property qualification required.

General power of taxation

Funds of house of industry to be applied to support of public schools.

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ber, in each and every year, to the register of the city of Baltimore, of the number of informations laid before them for violations of the city ordinances, the names of informers, persons informed against, the number of judgments rendered in favor of the corporation, for what amounts, and whether such judgments have been appealed from, superseded or satisfied.

Sec. 4. *And be it enacted*, That no person shall hereafter be eligible as a member of the first branch of the city council of Baltimore, or as an elector of mayor of said city, unless he shall at the time of his election be the owner and possessor of property within said city, assessed to the amount of three hundred dollars; nor shall any person be eligible as a member of the second branch of the said city council, or as a mayor of the said city, unless he shall at the time of his election be the owner and possessor of property within said city, assessed to the amount of five hundred dollars, and to render any such person eligible, it shall not be necessary for his name to appear on the assessors books.

Sec. 5. *And be it enacted*, That the mayor and city council of Baltimore shall have full power, and they are hereby authorised to tax all such matters, things and objects as are not now exempt from taxation by any law of this state, and to provide for collecting and appropriating the same for the necessary expenses of said city.

Sec. 6. *And be it enacted*, That the income of the property now vested in the mayor and city council of Baltimore, for the purpose of a house of industry, or the proceeds thereof when sold, after payment of the debt due thereon, may be applied under the direction of the said mayor and city council, to the erection and support of public schools.

Sec. 7. *And be it enacted*, That whenever any nuisance dangerous to the health of the city of Baltimore shall exist, or be found in any street, lane or alley of the said city; and it shall be found necessary in order to the removal of the same, to pave any such street, lane or alley, then the said mayor and city council may order the same to be paved, and may recover the amount expended in paving the same and the expenses of collection, from the owner or owners of the property fronting on said street, lane or alley, in proportion to the amount expended in front of said property, by suit against said owner or owners in which said action or actions the said owner or owners may defend him, her or themselves, against any such claim for the expenses of paving, and the collection thereof, either by proof that no such nuisance existed, or that the paving of said street, lane or alley was not necessary to the removal or abatement of such nuisance; or that such nuisance was caused by any act or ordinance of the said mayor and city council of Baltimore, or by the officers of said city, in the execution of their duty, and any such expenses of paving, and the expenses incident to the collection thereof, shall be a lien upon the property chargeable with it; and when the right of the city to recover the same has been determined, the said mayor and city council may levy the said expenses of paving and collec-