

room and lecture rooms, and all necessary apparatus for the use of the same—therefore, CHAP. 31.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Samuel Peaco, Jun., John Archer, Joseph W. Abrahams, Jacob Tome, James E. Blackiston, and all others who are or may be hereafter admitted into the association, their successors and assigns, be and they are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate, by the name and style of the Port Deposit Library Association; and by that name shall have perpetual succession, may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered, defend and be defended, in any court of record, or any other place whatever, and have and use a common seal, with power to purchase and receive and hold, they and their successors, forever, any lands, tenements, rents or goods and chattels of what kinds soever that may be purchased or devised or given to them for the use of said association, and lease, rent, or otherwise dispose of the same, in such manner as to them shall seem most conducive to the association.

Individuals incorporated
Name and style
Legal capacity

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the stockholders or their successors, or a majority of them present at any meeting, shall have power to appoint such officers as they may think necessary to manage the affairs of the association, and shall have power from time to time, to make and establish such by-laws, rules and regulations not contrary to the laws and constitution of this State or of the United States, as they may judge necessary for the government of said association.

Appoint officers
By-laws

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That until there shall be, under this act, an election of officers necessary to the use of this association, those now acting or may be hereafter appointed to act under any existing regulation of the association heretofore made, and such regulation shall, till lawfully altered, be deemed as valid and obligatory as if made since the passage of this act.

Temporary of officers

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* That the association shall have power to increase the number of shares if necessary, and to enforce the payment of any sums due, or that may become due by subscriptions, fines or defalcations, by warrant before a magistrate, or by suit in any court of record according to law.

May increase shares, &c.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted,* That the officers and directors necessary to manage this association, shall be elected annually from among the shareholders of this association, who may be re-elected as often as the shareholders shall think

Annual election of officers