

CHAP. 31. by-laws be not repugnant to the constitution and laws of the United States, or the State of Maryland, or the corporation of the city of Baltimore.

Appointments
to continue.

SEC. 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.

Corporate
powers.

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted,* That the said corporation and their successors, by the name aforesaid, shall hereafter be 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 court 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 standing committee of the German Jefferson Beneficial Society of the State of Maryland, and that all process that may hereafter be instituted against the said society, shall be served on the president or some member of the standing committee on behalf of the same.

Common seal.

SEC. 7. *And be it enacted,* That it shall and may be lawful for the said corporation and their successors hereafter to have a common seal for their use, and the same at their will and pleasure to change, alter, break or 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 are by law 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 the said corporation for the benevolent succor, relief and good order of its members and the widows and orphans of deceased members of the said society, agreeably to the constitution and such rules and by-laws as may be established by the said society.

Not answer-
able in indivi-
dual capacity.

SEC. 8. *And be it enacted,* That no member of the said society, in his individual capacity, be answerable for any losses, deficiencies or failures of the joint funds of the said society, or 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.

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