

SEC. 9. *And be it further enacted,* That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 4th, 1896.

CHAPTER 279.

AN ACT to incorporate Peninsula Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That James Wallace, of Dorchester county, Leonard S. Fleckenstein, of Talbot county, Thomas L. Day, of Caroline county, John Lamotte, of Kent county, Cassius M. Dashiell, of Somerset county, State of Maryland, and Henry P. Cannon, of Sussex county, Delaware, and James V. McCommons, of Kent county, Delaware, and their successors, and all persons, firms or corporations, who may hereafter become members of the corporation to be created by this act, are hereby created and declared to be a body politic and corporate, by the name, style and title of "Peninsula Mutual Fire Insurance Company," and by the same name shall have succession, and shall be able to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and defend, and be answered and defended in all courts of law and equity in the State or elsewhere; to have its principal office at some place within this State, which, in the judgment of the directors hereinafter named, shall be most advantageous to said company; to have, make and use a common seal, and the same to break, alter and renew, at their pleasure; and shall have full power and authority to make insurances on any kind of property against loss or damage by fire or lightning; to provide for the keeping and investment of funds or assets that may become the property of the company, and generally to transact, execute and perform all such business as may appertain to a fire insurance company, not contrary to this act or the Constitution and laws of this State or of the United States.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the secretary of said company to keep a book containing a copy of this act and of such by-laws of the said company as may be established, and that all persons, firms or corporations who wish to become members of the said company may be required to express, in writing, at the foot

A body corporate.

Duty of secretary.