

corporation, if necessary, to pay the debts of such corporation, and shall be enforceable only by appropriate proceedings by such corporation or by a receiver, assignee or trustee of such corporation, acting under the orders of a court of competent jurisdiction; provided, however, that this section shall not affect the rights of any creditor under the existing laws of this State against the stock holders who were liable to such creditors at the date of the passage of this Act; and provided further, that nothing in this section shall be considered as a construction by the Legislature of the law hereby amended, and the capital stock so fixed and limited shall be paid in, one-fourth thereof in one year, one-fourth in two years, one-fourth in three years and one-fourth, or the balance, in four years from and after the incorporation of said company, or such corporation may be dissolved; provided, however, that it shall be lawful for the trustees, directors or managers of any such corporation to collect and enforce the payment of all subscriptions to the capital stock as other debts are collected, after notice being given, as required by Section 70 of this Article; and if suit shall be brought by the trustees, directors or managers of any such corporation against all delinquent stockholders for the full amount of unpaid subscriptions within four years from the incorporation of said company, such corporation shall not be dissolved; and provided furthermore, that the provisions of this section shall not apply to any homestead or building association.

64A. The exclusive remedy for the enforcement by creditors against stockholders of all rights existing under the preceding Section 64, as the same stood prior to the time of the passage of this Act, and which were declared by said section as amended by this Act not to be affected by the terms thereof as herein amended, shall be, as against stockholders residing in the State of Maryland, by bill in equity in the nature of a creditor's bill filed against such stockholders by one or more creditors on behalf of themselves and all other creditors of the corporation who may come in and make themselves parties thereto, in a court having jurisdiction within the limits of the county or city of Baltimore, in which, as the case may be, the principal office of the corporation is situated at the time of the filing of the bill, or in case any such corporation has, by reason of having been placed in the hands of a receiver, or from any other cause, ceased to have any principal office at the time of the filing of the bill, then the bill shall be filed in a court having jurisdiction within the limits of the county or the city of Baltimore in which, as the case may be, the said corporation had its last principal place of business; and to any such bill stockholders residing beyond the