

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 9 of the Charter of The Mutual Fire Insurance Company in Harford County, as said section was amended by Chapter 333 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1904, be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

9. The affairs of The Mutual Fire Insurance Company in Harford County shall be managed by a President and a Board of eighteen Directors, and said Directors shall be elected by the members of the said Association from among their own number, at the annual meeting on the first Monday in February in each year, and said Directors shall serve until the next annual meeting, or until their successors are elected; and ten of said Directors shall be residents of Harford County and eight shall be residents of Baltimore County; but the members shall have the right at any time to reduce the number of Directors to any number not less than five, of whom a majority shall be residents of Harford County; any vacancy occurring in the Board of Directors shall be filled by the remaining Directors until the next annual meeting. The Directors shall, immediately after the annual meeting, elect a President for the ensuing year, and if at any time the office of President shall become vacant by reason of death, resignation or incapacity, the Board of Directors shall elect his successor.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall be submitted to the members of said Company at the next annual meeting or at any special meeting thereof to be called by the President of said Company, and if a majority of the members present at said meeting shall give their consent to this Act, then this Act so adopted by said members shall take effect from and after the date of said meeting, but if at said meeting a majority of the members then present do not assent to this Act, then this Act shall not take effect, but shall be null and void.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and, having been passed by a ye and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the the date of its passage.

Approved February 2, 1945.