

first Monday in June, 1873, to cast the vote of the State of Maryland as a stockholder in the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company at all meetings of the stockholders of said company; and that all vacancies in the said commissioners from refusal to act, death, resignation or other cause, shall be filled by such of the commissioners as may act, by and with the approbation of the board of public works, and in case all the said commissioners shall fail or refuse to act or to fill any vacancy or vacancies among the said commissioners, then the said board of public works shall appoint the said commissioners, or so many of them as may be necessary to have five commissioners as aforesaid. And it shall and may be lawful for the General Assembly of this State to extend the period for which the said commissioners or their successors may act for a further term of five years, and for such further terms of five years as may appear to be conducive to the prosperity and good management of the said Chesapeake and Ohio canal.

Provided, however, that it shall and may be lawful for the General Assembly of Maryland, in case it should appear that the interests of the State demand a change, to make such alterations in the management of the Chesapeake and Ohio canal, and in voting the stock of the State in the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, as the said General Assembly may deem best.

And provided, further, that in whatever changes the General Assembly may hereafter make in the management and control of said company, or voting the stock of the State in said company, the said General Assembly shall be bound to give, as far as possible, permanency and efficiency in the management of said canal, and exemption from partisan or political control.

By Mr. Walsh:

Sec. 3. The board of public works shall cast the vote of the State of Maryland as stockholder in the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, at the meetings of the stockholders of said company, for president and directors of said company, for president and two directors of said company of their own selection, and for two directors to be nominated in writing by the trustees under the mortgage