

sioners of Hyattsville, and if a majority of the votes cast shall be against the issue of water bonds, then and in that case no bonds shall be issued, but if the majority of the votes cast shall be for the issue of water bonds, the Commissioners of Hyattsville, as hereinbefore provided for, may issue said bonds to the amount of thirty thousand dollars, as hereinbefore provided.

SEC. 10. *And be it enacted*, That in the event of any change from the present form of the local government of Hyattsville that such officers who shall take the place of and act in the stead of the Commissioners and other officers in this Act mentioned shall be authorized to perform the duties and exercise the powers by this Act conferred upon the said Commissioners and other officers mentioned in their respective capacities, it being understood that the duties herein specified to be performed by the President of the Commissioners shall be performed by the Mayor, if there shall be one.

Change in local government.

SEC. 11. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 7, 1900.

CHAPTER 217.

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 23 of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Corporations," sub-title "Railroads," to follow Section one hundred and ninety-three, to be known as Section 193 A.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That a new section be and the same is hereby added to Article 23 of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Corporations," sub-title "Railroads," to follow Section one hundred and ninety-three, to be designated as Section 193 A, and to read as follows:

Railroads.

193A. It shall be lawful for any railroad company heretofore or hereafter incorporated under the laws of this State to acquire, own and hold, pledge, sell or otherwise dispose of, and to endorse, guarantee or assume the stocks, bonds and other securities of other railroad companies of this or any other State, and of any inland, coast or ocean transportation company or companies.

Stocks, bonds, etc., of other railroad companies.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 5, 1900.