

prescribed; *provided, always*, that such rules and by-laws shall be in nowise inconsistent with the Constitution and laws of the State of Maryland or of the United States. Proviso.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the officers of this association shall consist of a President, Secretary and Treasurer, and an Executive Committee of five, and such other officers as the general interest of the association may require, to be chosen in the manner hereinafter provided. The five persons first named in section one of this Act shall constitute the committee for the first year, or until their successors are elected or appointed, and they together with the President or Vice-President, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The objects of the association are hereby declared to be the mutual protection in adversity of members of the telegraphic profession, upholding and elevating the character and standing of the profession, the development of the science of telegraphing, the promotion and maintenance of the general interests and welfare of the profession and its members. Officers.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That said association is authorized to establish a uniform system of fees for admission to membership, in no case to exceed ten dollars, and also a uniform system of dues, payable periodically, at such intervals as shall be prescribed by the rules of said association, but such assessment of dues shall in no case exceed the sum of ten dollars in any one year. Objects.

Sec. 4. *And be it enacted*, That within seven months after the passage of this Act, the corporators, named in the first section of this Act, shall draw up or cause to be drawn up, a constitution not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, for the government of said association, which shall be approved by a majority of said corporators, or if any refuse to act, then by a majority of the remainder; and said corporators shall also, within the space of seven months from the passage of this Act, give written notice to each member of the association, of the time of meeting for the preliminary organization of said association (which notice shall be at least twenty days prior to the time fixed upon for said meeting. At said meet- Fee for admission.