

CHAPTER 134.

AN ACT relating to voting by Proxies in the Banks of this State.

A supplement, 1819, ch. 156.

Stockholders within ten miles of bank not to vote by proxy except females, &c.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That from and after the passage of this act, it shall not be lawful for any stockholder or stockholders of any bank in this state, who shall reside within ten miles of such bank, respectively, to vote by proxy or power of attorney, at any election of directors to be held for any such bank, except females and persons rendered unable to attend by sickness, or bodily infirmity, to be proved by the depositions of such persons respectively, on oath or affirmation, before a notary, judge or justice of the peace, and to accompany and be annexed to their proxies respectively, and that no person shall be entitled to vote at any such election as attorney, proxy or agent, for any other person, co-partnership or body politic, without a power for that purpose, duly executed in the presence of a witness, and filed in the bank, and on which power shall be endorsed the oath or affirmation of the person, or one of the co-partners, or of the head, or some of the officers of the body politic granting such power, in the words following: 'I —, do solemnly swear, (or affirm, as the case may be,) that I am, (or that the co-partnership consisting of myself and — are, or that the corporation known by the name of —, is, as the case may be,) truly and in good faith the owner, (or owners as the case may be,) of the shares in the capital stock of the bank specified in the within power of attorney, and of no other shares therein, that no other person has any interest in the said shares directly or indirectly, except as stated in the said power, and that no other power has been given to any person which is now in force to vote for me, (or for the co-partnership, or the body politic aforesaid, as the case may be,) at any election of directors of the said bank,' which oath or affirmation shall be taken before a notary, judge, or justice of the peace, and shall be certified by him, and that no such power shall be used or valid, but at and for the election next ensuing the date thereof.

No proxy to be given to any officer, clerk or director.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That no proxy or power of attorney as aforesaid shall be given to any person, who at the time of giving it shall be an officer, clerk or director, of the bank to which it shall relate, and that any proxy or power given to any such person shall be and hereby is declared to be void.

Judges of election permitting person to vote as at-

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That if the judges of any election of directors, to be held as aforesaid, shall permit any person whatever to vote as attorney, agent or proxy, for any other person, or for any co-partnership or body politic, without a power