Sec. 9. And be it enacted, That upon proof Oath. made to the Judges of any such election of such notice having been delivered as aforesaid, by any five stockholders, such Judges shall, before receiving the votes, require every stockholder offering to vote in person the stock of the corporation, to make an oath or affirmation that the stock which such person proposes and offers to vote in the election then to be held, is his sole and bona fide property, or belongs solely and bona fide to him and his partner or partners in trade, or is held by him as trustee, or in some fiduciary relation, to be specified in such oath, and that his right and title to the same has been fairly and bona fide, and not colorably and fraudulently created or acquired, and not with any intent to increase the number of votes which would otherwise be allowed to said stock, nor in any manner, directly or indirectly, to violate, avoid or evade the standard of voting, as fixed either by the charter of said Company or its by-laws, and that the said stock, to the best of his knowledge, belief and information, or any interest he has therein, is not retained in his name or in that of his partner, on the books of said corporation, with any such intent, design or purpose, and that he does design in all respects and in good faith to comply with the charters of the said corporation and its regulations upon the subject of voting stock therein.

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Sec. 10. And be it enacted, That whenever such stock is owned by and stands in the name of any sentiments. corporation or body politic, some officer thereof shall take the oath prescribed in the last preceding Section, and further declare, on oath, that he has full opportunity, from his official station in the corporation, to know the opinions and sentiments of a majority of the Directors thereof, in relation to such stock, and that he represents them fairly in the premises.

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Sec. 11. And be it enacted, That no person or body corporate, shall vote by proxy on stock held in any private corporation, unless the person, or in case of a body corporate, the President, Cashier, or some lawfully constituted officer thereof, shall make oath before some person authorized by the laws of Maryland, or by the laws of the State

Proxy vote