

2. Such partnership may consist of one or more persons, who shall be called general partners, and who shall be jointly and severally responsible as general partners are by law, and of one or more persons who shall contribute in actual cash payments, a specific sum as capital to the common stock, who shall be called special partners, and who shall not be liable for the debts of the partnership beyond the fund so contributed by him or them to the capital; but the number of special partners shall, in no partnership, exceed six.

3. Persons desirous of forming such partnership, shall make and severally sign a certificate, which shall contain the name or firm under which such partnership is to be conducted, the general nature of the business intended to be transacted, the names of all the general and special partners interested therein, distinguishing which are general and which are special partners, and their respective places of residence, the amount of capital which each special partner shall have contributed to the common stock, the period at which the partnership is to commence, and the period at which it is to terminate.

4. The certificate shall be acknowledged by the several persons signing the same, before a justice of the peace, or a judge of any court; and such acknowledgments shall be made and certified in the same manner as the acknowledgment of conveyances of land; and when so acknowledged and certified, shall be filed in the office of the clerk of the Circuit Court of the county in which the principal place of business of the partnership shall be, (or if it be in the city of Baltimore, in the office of the clerk of the Superior Court of Baltimore city,) and shall be recorded by him at large in a book kept for that purpose, open to public inspection; and if the partnership shall have places of business situated in different counties, or in a county and the city of Baltimore, a transcript of the certificate and of the acknowledgment thereof, duly certified by the clerk in whose office it shall be filed under his official seal, shall be filed and recorded in like manner in the office of the clerk of every such county or city.

5. At the time of filing the original certificate, with the evidence of the acknowledgment thereof, as before directed, an affidavit of one or more of the general partners shall also be filed in the same office, stating that the sums specified in the certificate to have been contributed by each of the special partners to the common stock, have been actually and in good faith paid in cash.