

one year, and of the said County thirty days before they shall offer to vote at such election, the question of a subscription to the Capital Stock of the said Shenandoah Valley Railroad Company; *provided*, that the said Board shall give notice of such election in the manner specified in the eighteenth Section of Chapter thirty-nine of the Code of West Virginia, thirty days at least before the poll is to be taken; and that if at such election held as herein provided, a majority of the legal votes cast shall be in favor of said subscription, then such subscription shall in every respect be as valid as though taken under the provisions of Section forty of Chapter thirty-nine of the Code of West Virginia; the said election shall in all other matters be taken subject to the provisions of Chapter thirty-nine of the Code of this State.

Give notice.

The Legislature reserves to itself the right to repeal, alter or amend this Act, but such repeal, alteration or amendment shall not in any way impair the vested rights of said company; therefore,

Right of
Legislature.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the said Shenandoah Valley Railroad Company shall have power and authority to extend their road across the Potomac river, at any point between Harper's Ferry and Williamsport, on the said river, at or below Shepherdstown, in Jefferson County, West Virginia, and from said river to Hagerstown in this State, and for that purpose may contract for, purchase or condemn any land necessary for the right of way, or materials, and may acquire and hold personal property, and have, possess and exercise such powers and privileges as may be required to fully manage such railroad in all things necessary to carry on the business operations of the same.

Extend road.

Condemn.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the rights, powers and duties of the said company, in relation to the mode of constructing its works, the purchase and condemnation of land and materials, and the making of road crossings, shall be the same and exercised in the same manner as those of the Western Maryland Railroad Company.

Power as other
roads.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That said company shall be liable to suit in any court of this State for