

CHAPTER 476.

AN ACT to provide for the Creation and Regulation of Incorporated Companies in the State of Maryland.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That any number of natural persons, not less than five, three of whom shall be citizens of Maryland, may become a body corporate with all the rights, privileges and powers conferred by, and subject to, all the restrictions of this Act.

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Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That any number of persons, as aforesaid associating to form a Company for the purpose of constructing a Railroad shall under their hands and seals, make a certificate, which shall specify as follows: first, the name assumed by such Company, and by which it shall be known; second, the name of the places of the termini of said road, and the county or counties, city or cities, through which such road shall pass; third, the amount of capital stock necessary to construct such road; such certificate shall be acknowledged before a Justice of the Peace, and certified by the clerk of the Circuit Court of any county through which the road passes, and when said certificate is executed, it shall be the duty of the persons executing the same, to submit it to one of the Judges of the Judicial Circuit within which the county where it was acknowledge may lie, or to one of the Judges of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, if acknowledged in said city, in order that the said Judge may determine whether said certificate is in conformity with the law, and if the said Judge shall so determine, he shall certify his said determination upon the said certificate which shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, who shall record and carefully preserve the same in his office; and a copy thereof duly certified by the Secretary of State, under the great seal of the State of Maryland, shall be evidence of the existence of such Company.

Specify name.

Forward to
Secretary of
State.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted,* That when the foregoing provisions have been complied with, the persons named as corporators in said certificate are