

CHAP. 143. shall be by ballot, on the day and at the place appointed therefor by the said commissioners, from the hour of nine o'clock in the morning, until four o'clock in the evening, and the persons qualified as aforesaid, having a plurality of all the votes taken, shall be deemed and considered directors of the said company until a new election shall take place, as hereinafter provided for; and the said directors, and those from time to time elected, shall and may appoint by ballot, one of their board, president, and adopt and use a corporate seal of said company, and make and adopt all by-laws, rules and ordinances, for the government and direction of said company and the affairs thereof, as the said board may judge necessary for the carrying into effect the provisions of this law, provided the same be not repugnant to the laws of this state or those of the United States.

Stockholders may vote in person or by proxy. Number of votes allowed.

5. AND BE IT ENACTED, That at all elections to be holden in virtue of this act, every stockholder shall be entitled to vote by himself, his agent or proxy appointed for that purpose by writing, subscribed by such stockholder, and attested by one or more witnesses; and every such stockholder shall be entitled to as many votes as he, she or they possess shares in the said stock, as far as twenty shares, and one vote for every two shares thereafter, as far as forty shares, and one vote for every five shares thereafter; and every stockholder may, at his pleasure, transfer his interest in any share, such transfer being made in the books of said company, in such manner as shall be by them directed.

On election of directors powers now vested in commissioners shall cease.

6. AND BE IT ENACTED, That immediately after the election of directors as aforesaid, all the powers and duties vested in the said commissioners in virtue of this act shall cease and determine, and they shall forthwith deliver over to the said directors, all the books containing the names of subscribers for said stock and the papers relating thereto; and the directors to be so first appointed, shall continue in office for at least one year, and until the first Tuesday in June, which shall happen after the expiration of the said first year.

Time and place of holding elections.

7. AND BE IT ENACTED, That on the said first Tuesday in June, and in every year thereafter, an election shall be held as aforesaid in the town of Easton for seven directors qualified as aforesaid, to continue in office until the first Tuesday in June, next succeeding such election; which election shall be holden by the president and directors for the time being, and of which six weeks notice shall be by them given in one or more newspapers published in the town of Easton.

Instalments, in what proportions to be paid.

8. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the amount of each share of said stock shall be paid to the president and directors for the time being, by instalments not exceeding two dollars and fifty cents, at such times as they shall appoint; of which required payments three weeks public notice shall be by them given, in one or more newspapers published in the town of Easton, specifying the time and place at which such payments are to be made; and in case any instalment shall not be paid at the time appointed, or within thirty days thereafter, the same may be recovered in the name of the company, in the like manner as debts of equal amount are recoverable, or the share or shares of the persons so in default, with the previous payments made thereon, may be declared forfeited to the