

Work to be completed within specified time.

transact any business to which electricity may be applied within Kent and Cecil Counties, State of Maryland. The railroad or railroads permitted to be constructed under the provisions of this Act shall be completed within the time of four years from the passage of this Act, otherwise the powers and privileges conferred and granted under this Act are hereby declared to be null and void and repealed.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved March 18, 1904.

#### CHAPTER 109.

AN ACT to require all railroad companies and corporations, and all persons running or operating cars or coaches by steam on any railroad line or track in the State of Maryland, for the transportation of passengers, to provide separate cars or coaches for white and colored passengers, without any difference or discrimination in quality or of convenience or accommodation in such cars or coaches.

Railroad Companies to provide separate cars for the white and colored races.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That all railroad companies and corporations, and all persons running or operating cars or coaches by steam on any railroad line or track in the State of Maryland, for the transportation of passengers, are hereby required to provide separate cars or coaches for the travel and transportation of the white and colored passengers on their respective lines of railroad; and each compartment of a car or coach, divided by a good and substantial partition, with a door or place of exit from each division, shall be deemed a separate car or coach within the meaning of this Act, and each separate car, coach or compartment shall bear in some conspicuous place appropriate words, in plain letters, indicating whether it is set apart for white or colored passengers.

Cannot discriminate.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the railroad companies and corporations and persons aforesaid shall make no difference or discrimination in quality of or convenience or accommodation in the cars, coaches or compartments set apart for white and colored passengers.

Violation of law and penalty.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That any railroad company or corporation or person that shall fail, refuse or neglect to comply with the provisions of Sections 1 and 2 of this Act shall be