

Maryland, and shall be heard and determined in preference to all other civil business pending therein, excepting election causes, irrespective of position on the dockets of said Courts. The same preference shall be granted upon application of the General Counsel to the Commission, or his assistant, in any action or proceedings in which the General Counsel or his assistant may be allowed to intervene.

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

Approved April 11, 1912.

CHAPTER 564.

AN ACT to incorporate the Baltimore and Eastern Shore Railway and Ferry Company.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That James H. Preston, Joseph F. Nossel and John R. Bland, of Baltimore City; Curtis E. Crane, of Kent county; Harvey B. Cooper, of Caroline county; Charles E. Harper, of Wicomico county, and Edgar W. McMaster, of Worcester county, and such other persons as may thereafter become stockholders in the corporation hereby incorporated, shall be and they are hereby constituted a body corporate by the name and style of the Baltimore and Eastern Shore Railway and Ferry Company, and by that name shall have succession, and shall be able to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, and to make and use a common seal, and the same to alter and renew at pleasure, and by the above shall be capable in law of purchasing, holding, possessing, transferring and selling and conveying property, real, personal and mixed, and for the object and purpose of said corporation, and may exercise all the powers, rights and privileges, and do and execute all acts, matters and things incident to the objects and purposes of said corporation as created by this act.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the company hereby incorporated shall have the power to survey, locate, establish, make, construct, equip, operate and maintain a single track or double track railway, with as many sets of tracks, switches, turnouts and sidings, and with all and complete overhead and underground construction and equipment as said company may deem expedient or proper for the transportation and carriage of passengers, freight, produce, stock, merchandise, parcels and packages in cars drawn or propelled by electricity in any form or