

shall prevail to the extent of such inconsistency; and provided (third), that in the event of any inconsistency between any of the provisions of said sections and the provisions made for particular classes of corporations by the subsequent sections of this Article, the latter shall prevail to the extent of such inconsistency; and provided (fourth), that nothing herein shall be taken or construed as preventing the formation and management under the provisions of said sections, and without reference to the provisions made for particular classes of corporations by the laws of this State, of corporations for constructing, maintaining and operating railroads or railways or telegraph or telephone lines, to be located entirely outside of this State, or of water or mining corporations conducting their operations entirely outside of this State; and provided (finally), that unless therein otherwise stated, the said sections shall be available to all corporations of this State as alternative to and not in substitution for any inconsistent provisions contained in any such special act or agreement of consolidation or in the provisions made for particular classes of corporations by the subsequent sections of this Article.

(2) The words "Clerk of the Circuit or Superior Court" used herein, shall be taken to mean the Clerk of the Circuit Court for a county, or the Clerk of the Superior Court of Baltimore City, as the case may be.

(3) The word "directors" shall include trustees, managers and the members of the governing body of the corporation, by whatever name they may be called.

(4) The words "stockholders" and "shareholders" shall include members in the case of corporations having no capital stock, and vice versa, unless such construction would be inconsistent with the context.

(5) The location of the principal office of a corporation shall be the place named as such in the charter; and when the location of the principal office is not so named, it shall be deemed to be the place where the main office of such corporation in this State for the transaction of business is actually situated.

(6) The word "Charter" shall include charter granted by special act, certificate of incorporation and agreement of consolidation, either as originally passed or filed or as amended, unless such construction would be inconsistent with the context.

See notes to this section in volumes 1 and 3 of the Annotated Code.

1916, ch. 596, sec. 17.

1A.* Nothing in the Act of 1916, Chapter 596, shall be construed to affect the existence of any corporation existing on the first day of June, in the year nineteen hundred and sixteen, or to impair the validity of any corporate act done or performed in accordance with the pre-

*This is section 17 of the act of 1916, ch. 596, to be found on pages 1232-3 of that act.