

An. Code, 1924, sec. 20. 1912, sec. 20. 1904, sec. 20. 1888, sec. 20. 1852, ch. 123, sec. 4.

20. Each security on said bond shall make oath that he is *bona fide* worth, over and above his debts, not less than some specific sum to be stated in said oath, which said oath shall be endorsed on said bond and recorded therewith; and the governor shall not approve any bond of the said agent unless the sum or sums so sworn to shall in the aggregate at least equal the amount of the penalty thereof and he shall be satisfied of the availability of each security.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 21. 1912, sec. 21. 1904, sec. 21. 1888, sec. 21. 1852, ch. 123, sec. 5.

21. The bond of the said agent when duly executed and approved as hereinbefore provided shall be recorded in the office of the clerk of the court of appeals; and certified copies thereof under the seal of the said court may be used in evidence in any court of law or equity in this State.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 22. 1912, sec. 22. 1904, sec. 22. 1888, sec. 22. 1858, ch. 109, sec. 1. 1872, ch. 103. 1872, ch. 435.

22. The treasurer of the State shall record all State coupons that have been or may hereafter be paid and returned to the treasury by the agents employed to pay the interest on the public debt and shall, together with the comptroller at the close of every month, examine and burn all such coupons that have been recorded and shall make a report of their proceedings showing the amount of the value of such coupons to the legislature at each session thereof.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 23. 1912, sec. 23. 1904, sec. 23. 1888, sec. 23. 1862, ch. 112. 1890, ch. 571.

23. The comptroller and treasurer shall within the first two weeks of January, April, July and October in every year, in the presence of the governor, count and cancel the bonds and certificates for stocks of the State and count and examine the other securities purchased or obtained by the treasurer for the use of the sinking fund; and a statement of the bonds and certificates so counted and those so counted and cancelled signed by the comptroller and treasurer and countersigned by the governor shall be filed in the office of the comptroller within one week after each such count and cancellation; and the committee on finance of the senate and the committee on ways and means of the house of delegates shall jointly during each session of the legislature and within the first month of such session examine and count all such bonds and certificates of stock so purchased or obtained up to the close of the fiscal year next preceding such session and cancelled or stamped "purchased for the sinking fund," as required by the provisions of this article, and shall burn all such bonds and certificates of stock as belong to the overdue debt of the State and shall examine carefully all bonds or certificates of stock maturing at some future day for the purpose of ascertaining that the same have been endorsed or marked, cancelled or stamped "purchased for the sinking fund," as required by section 26, and that the accruing coupons and interest thereon have been collected and credited to said sinking fund and shall make a joint report of their proceedings therein to both houses of the legislature within two weeks after they shall have finished their said duties as prescribed by this section.