

278. This act shall not fail or cease to have operation and effect because of any failure or neglect on the part of the presidents of the marine insurance companies of the city of Baltimore aforesaid to delegate or appoint a person to act as a member of the said board, as in the first section of this act provided; and in case the said presidents shall fail or neglect to make such delegation or appointment within thirty days from the passage of this act, the remaining members of the said board shall be clothed with and entitled to exercise the powers hereby on said board conferred until such appointment or delegation shall have been made, and if after the making of such appointment or delegation there should be a failure or neglect to re-appoint at any time thereafter, the person then a member of said board, by reason of such appointment or delegation, shall hold until his successor shall have been appointed, and in case of his death, resignation, refusal or failure to act or removal from the state, the said remaining members of the board shall constitute and act as said board until some person shall have been appointed, as aforesaid, in his stead, a majority of said board to control as hereinbefore provided.

Ibid. s. 6.  
Powers of  
board.

279. No member of the said board shall have or receive any salary or compensation, directly or indirectly, for his services as such, or be interested in any contract made by or under said board in any way, and before acting under the provisions of this act, each and every member of the said board shall make and sign an oath before some person duly authorized by law to administer oaths and affirmations, that he will in no case and under no pretext appoint or remove any person under the said board, or give to or take from any person whatsoever any contract or advantage under the same, for or on account of the political opinions of such person, or for any other cause or reason than the fitness or unfitness of such person so appointed or removed or so having or receiving such contract or advantage to dis-

Ibid. s. 7.  
Members to re-  
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