

denomination than five dollars, but no note shall be issued of a less denomination than one dollar; and nothing herein shall be construed to enlarge the total amount of the notes to be issued by any bank, beyond what is now allowed by law.

1865, ch. 144, sec. 1.

12. Any bank, savings institution or savings bank, incorporated under the laws of this State, may become an association for the purpose of banking under the laws of the United States; provided, it shall first comply with all the requirements of the act of the first session of the thirty-eighth congress of the United States, entitled, "An act to provide a national currency secured by a pledge of the United States bonds, and to provide for the circulation and redemption thereof."

Ibid. sec. 2.

13. Before any bank, savings institution or savings bank of this State shall avail itself of said privilege, and of the aforesaid act of congress, its stockholders, by and with the written advice and consent of the owners of three-fourths of the capital stock of said bank, savings institution or savings bank, or at a special meeting called for the purpose, shall decide whether the said bank, savings institution or savings bank shall or shall not become an association for the purpose of banking under the laws of the United States; and at said meeting every stockholder may cast one vote for each share of stock held by him or her; and every stockholder who shall be absent from said meeting may vote by proxy; and every executor, administrator, guardian, or trustee holding stock in said bank, savings institution or savings bank, may vote in person or by proxy, without incurring any responsibility by such vote; and the treasurer of Maryland is hereby authorized and directed to represent and vote the stock held by the State in any of the banks, savings institution or savings bank of this State; and if, on casting up the vote at the said meeting, it shall appear that the owners of two-thirds of the capital stock of said bank, savings institution or savings bank, are in favor of converting the said bank, savings institution or savings bank into an association for the purpose of banking under the laws of the United States, the directors of said bank,