

change. The board of directors may, at any time, fill any vacancy in said committee for the remainder of the term in which such vacancy may happen. The duty of the arbitration committee shall be to hear and decide any controversies which may arise in business between the members of said organization or said members and other persons as may be voluntarily submitted to the said committee for arbitration; and such members and persons may by an instrument in writing, signed by them and attested by a subscribing witness, agree to submit to the decision of said committee, any such controversy so arising as might be the subject of an action at law or in equity, except claims of title to real estate.

1870, ch. 136.

69. The mode of proceeding of said arbitration committee shall be regulated by the by-laws of the corporation, which shall be substantially complied with in all cases, without prejudice, however, to any award from merely formal irregularity. The said committee shall have power to apply to any justice of the peace for the city of Baltimore to issue subpoenas and other compulsory process to procure the attendance of witnesses before it; and all justices so applied to in writing, signed by the chairman or acting chairman of said committee, shall issue such process forthwith, the cost of the same, and of the attendance of the witnesses so summoned, to be the same as in civil suits before such justices, and to be collectible from the parties on whose behalf the said witnesses shall be summoned and attend, in the same manner and by the same means as if adjudged to be paid by a judgment of the justice who shall act in the premises in a civil suit between the same parties depending before him. A majority of said committee may act in all cases, and a majority of such majority shall have power to render an award in the name of and as an act of the committee. No dissenting award or opinions shall be rendered or placed among the proceedings, or upon the records of the committee or the corporation; the award of the committee rendered in conformity herewith, and as prescribed by the by-laws, shall be conclusive on all parties to the submission. It shall in all cases be in writing, signed by the members of the committee who agreed upon it, and filed among the proceedings of the committee, but copies shall be given by the secretary, with