

CHAPTER 15.

AN ACT to amend the act passed at the December session, eighteen hundred and forty-seven, of the General Assembly of Maryland, chapter one hundred and eighty-eight, and entitled "An act to incorporate the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Montgomery county."

WHEREAS, by the second section of chapter one hundred and eighty-eight, of the acts of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed at the December Session, eighteen hundred and forty-seven, it was enacted that persons should be constituted members of said company and become bound by its rules and regulations by expressing their assent in writing at the foot of a copy of said act and of the constitution and by-laws of said company, contained in a book to be kept by its secretary; and whereas, the inconvenience of requiring persons desiring to insure to go to the office of the secretary, has become so great as to render it impossible to comply literally with said section; and it was many years since provided by a by-law that the applicant for insurance should sign an application, and thereby, constructively, the said charter, constitution and by-laws; and it is deemed best that said act should be amended so as to remove any doubt as to said mode of authenticating the said assent of the applicant, Preamble.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the second section of chapter one hundred and eighty-eight, of the acts of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed at the December session, eighteen hundred and forty-seven, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Montgomery county," be and the same is hereby amended, so that all persons who wish to become members of said company shall be required to express in writing their assent to the said Act of Assembly, and the constitution and by-laws of said company, either in the book mentioned in the second section, or in any manner required by any by-law or by-laws heretofore passed, or hereafter to be passed by said company. To amend.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That any assent heretofore given and expressed to the said act of Assembly, constitution and by-laws by any applicant or applicants for insurance, in the mode prescribed by any by-law of the said company, shall be as effectual to all intents and purposes as if the same had been expressed in the manner required by the original second section of said act. Valid.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage. Effective.

Approved February 11, 1890.