

SEC. 16. *And be it further enacted*, That the said corporation shall be and is hereby authorized and empowered to insure the fidelity of persons holding places of trust or responsibility of any State, corporation, company, person or persons whatsoever, to endorse and become security for the faithful performance of any trust, office, duty, contract or agreement, and to supersede any judgment or become surety upon any bond for appeal from any order, judgment or decree of any court of record or justice of the peace; and it is further authorized to become sole surety in all cases where by law two or more sureties are required for the faithful performance of any trust or office, and it shall and may be lawful for any court to approve said corporation as sole surety in all such cases; and in every such case the capital stock of said corporation shall be taken and considered as sufficient security therefor, but in all such cases the affairs and effects of said corporation shall be subject to an examination if the court should deem it necessary, and the said court may examine under oath the officers of said corporation in relation to the affairs, property and effects of said corporation; and it shall be lawful for said corporation to stipulate and provide for indemnity from the parties aforesaid for whom it shall so become responsible, and to enforce any bond, contract, agreement, pledge or other security made or given for that purpose.

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SEC. 17. *And be it further enacted*, That said corporation shall have power to guarantee, endorse and secure the payment and punctual performance and collection of notes, debts, bills of exchange, contracts, bonds, accounts, claims, rents, annuities, mortgages, choses in action, evidences of debt, certificates of property or value, checks and the titles to property, real and personal, indebtedness of companies, partnerships, loans of States, cities, counties, municipalities on such terms or commissions as may be agreed upon or established by said corporation and the parties dealing therewith; to act as the fiscal or transfer agent of any State, municipality, body politic or corporation, and in such capacity to receive and disburse money, and transfer, register and countersign certificates of stock, bonds or other evidences of indebtedness.

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SEC. 18. *And be it further enacted*, That the said corporation may receive upon storage, deposit or otherwise, merchandise, specie, plate, stocks, promissory notes, certificates and evidences of debt, contracts and all other personal properties whatsoever, take charge and custody of real and personal estates and securities, and advance money thereupon on such terms as may be established or approved by said corporation.

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SEC. 19. *And be it further enacted*, That said corporation be and it is hereby authorized and shall have discretionary powers to invest at its pleasure moneys received on deposit, loan or other-