

operate, manage and conduct the same under the powers of this act, and shall also have the right to cross over the tracks of other railroads, or under the same, and to connect or consolidate with any other railroad or railroads, incorporated under the laws of this State or of the District of Columbia, or both, and doing business in the State or in said District, or both; provided, that before any such acquisition of any other railroad or railroads, and before any such consolidation with any other railroad or railroads, shall go into complete effect, such acquisition or consolidation, or both, shall be ratified and confirmed by a majority of the stockholders of such company or companies at a regular or a special meeting thereof, duly called; provided, however, the said Capital City Railway Company shall not consolidate with any other company or corporation by which the said Capital City Railway Company shall thereby become exempt from taxation; and provided, further, that the right, power, privileges and franchises conferred and granted by this act are so conferred and granted expressly upon condition that the work of construction of its railroad herein authorized within this State shall be actually and bona fide commenced, and at least the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) in cash be expended therein within fifteen months; and, further, that said railroad shall be completed and put in operation within three years from and after the passage of this act, or on failure to observe and comply with any one of said conditions, this act, together with all rights, powers, privileges and franchises conferred thereby, and also the said corporation thereby created shall cease, terminate and become wholly inoperative, null and void.

Effective.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 4, 1896.

CHAPTER 289.

AN ACT to repeal Sections ninety-six, ninety-seven and ninety-eight of Article fifteen of the Code of Public Local Laws, title "Kent County," sub-title "Election Districts," and to renew the same with amendments, and to add five new sections thereto, to be known as sections ninety-eight A, ninety-eight B, ninety-eight C, ninety-eight D, ninety-eight E, providing for the formation of two additional election districts in Kent county.