

compensation as they, in their discretion, may deem right and proper. This section shall apply only to the counties of Caroline, Kent, Queen Anne's, Talbot, Prince George's, Charles and Harford.

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

Approved April 4, 1896.

CHAPTER 410.

AN ACT to add an additional section to Article 23 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, title "Corporations," to be designated as Section 39 B.

New section. SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That an additional section be added to Article 23 of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Corporations," to follow section 39 A of said article, and to be designated as section 39 B, and to read as follows:

Consolidation of corporations. 39 B. Any educational, charitable or other corporation, formed under class one of this article, and having no capital stock, or any corporation of a like character to those mentioned in said class one heretofore formed and now existing, and having no capital stock, may unite with any other corporation incorporated under said class one, and having no capital stock; provided, that a majority of the members of each of the corporations forming such union shall assent thereto, such union or consolidation shall be made upon such terms and conditions and shall have such name as shall be agreed upon by the said corporations forming such union; a certificate of such union or consolidation and the particulars thereof, shall be executed by the said corporations, and be acknowledged and recorded as other certificates of incorporation are in this article, directed to be acknowledged and recorded, and thereupon, all the property and assets belonging to said former separate corporation, and all their powers and rights and all the debts and liabilities of said former separate corporations, shall be devolved upon said new consolidated corporation; and every devise and bequest in favor of either of the former separate corporations, would have been capable of taking, shall devolve upon said new consolidated corporation, which shall be regarded as substituted by operation of law in the place and stead of said former separate corporations.