

sidered as the security required by law for the faithful performance of their duties; provided, the said Court shall not deem it necessary to require further security, and shall be absolutely liable in case of any default whatever; the Court, if it deem it necessary, may, from time to time, appoint suitable persons to investigate the affairs and management of said company, who shall report to such Court the manner in which such investments are made and the security afforded to those by or from whom its engagements are held, and the expense of such investigation shall be defrayed by such company; or the Court may, if deemed necessary, examine the officers of said company under oath or affirmation, as to the security aforesaid.

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SEC. 12. *And be it enacted*, That any executor, administrator, guardian or other trustee or public officer having the control of any bonds, stocks, securities, moneys or other valuables belonging to others shall be and is hereby authorized to deposit the same for safe keeping with said company.

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SEC. 13. *And be it enacted*, That the said corporation is authorized to take, have, hold and enjoy all such estates, real, personal and mixed, as may be obtained by the investment of their capital stock, and all other moneys and funds that may come into their possession in the course of their dealings and business, and the same to sell, grant, mortgage, lease and dispose of at pleasure, and to execute, acknowledge and deliver all deeds and other instruments of writing concerning the same; provided, however, that the said real estate so to be held by them shall be only that to be occupied as their office and place of business, not exceeding in value one hundred thousand dollars, and such as may come into their possession in satisfaction of any debt due to them upon mortgage, decree or judgment.

Certain  
privileges  
granted.

SEC. 14. *And be it enacted*, That the said company shall be and is hereby authorized and empowered to insure the fidelity of persons holding places of trust or responsibility in, to or under any State, county, city, corporation, company, partnership, person or persons whatsoever, to become security for the faithful performance of any trust, office, duty, contract or agreement, and to supersede any judgment, or to go upon any appeal or other bond, and it is further authorized to become sole security 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, register, clerk or other officer to approve said company as sole surety in all such cases, but in such cases the officers and affairs of said company may be subject to an examination by such Court,

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