

against loss or damage by fire or lightning; to provide for the keeping and investment of funds or assets that may become the property of the company, and generally to transact, execute and perform all such business as may appertain to a fire insurance company, not contrary to this act or the Constitution and laws of this State or of the United States.

Book containing this act to be kept.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the secretary of the said company to keep a book containing a copy of this act and of such by-laws of the said company as may be established, and that all persons, firms or corporations who wish to become members of the said company may be required to express in writing, at the foot thereof, their assent thereto; and all persons, firms or corporations, by signing an application for insurance therein, shall be deemed to have subscribed their assent to this act and the by-laws of said company; which expression of assent and the payment of such fees, charges or premiums as may be demanded by the proper officers of the corporation, shall constitute such persons, firms or corporations, members of the said company, and as such be bound by all the rules and regulations of said company as contained in this act and in the by-laws of said company, whether enacted before or after the commencement of such membership; and every person, firm or corporation which shall be insured by said company shall become members thereof as already provided for.

Members.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That all persons who shall be insured by this company shall become members thereof, and shall be bound by all the rules and regulations of said company, and shall be bound each to the other to make good their proportionate amount (which shall be in proportion to the amount of their several premium notes) of any loss, losses or damages that may occur on property insured by the company, not exceeding for any one loss the amount of premium note or notes that he, she or they may have given to the company and are held by it at the time of such fire, the assessment to be made after deducting from the amount of said loss or losses at the time being; but the payment of any part or parts or the whole amount of such notes for any one loss or any one assessment shall not be construed to reduce the amount of such notes or to invalidate the obligations expressed thereby; but the said notes shall be held as binding for the whole amount thereof so often as demanded by order of the directors, for the purpose of paying losses, while the insurance or insurances for which they were given as premiums shall exist.