

**Directors.** SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted,* That George W. Long, Thomas S. Hodson, Joseph Muir, Alonzo E. Tull, William P. Horsey, Clarence Hodson, J. Fletcher Somers, Isaac H. Tawes, George S. Payne, James W. Waddell, Thomas Humphreys and Abraham L. Dryden, are hereby created directors of the said Maryland Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Crisfield, and shall manage its affairs until the first Monday in January after said company shall have commenced business, and until their successors shall have been elected and qualified, as hereinafter provided; and such of said directors as shall be present at their first meeting, shall proceed to organize the company by electing a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and other officers, committees and agents deemed advisable, and fix their compensation, if any, and the duties of such officers, and all other matters concerning the regulation of said company may be provided for in the by-laws, to be adopted as soon thereafter as practicable; but no directors shall be subject to liability except as other members.

**Notice of meetings.** SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the president and secretary to give notice of at least two weeks, by advertisement in some newspaper published in Somerset county, of the meeting of members annually, which shall be held on the first Monday in January in each and every year, for the transaction of such business as may properly be brought before them, and for the election of twelve directors of the company, who shall be members thereof; but in case such election should, from any cause, not be held on the same day, the company shall not in consequence thereof be dissolved, but such election may be held at such subsequent time as may be selected by the board of directors or a majority of them. At all elections each member shall have one vote, either in person or by proxy, and such members as may be in attendance shall constitute a quorum; every voting proxy being executed in writing, before one witness at least, and filed with the judges of election before the balloting commences; the election to be conducted by three judges, chosen from the members and not directors; the judges shall certify under their hands and seals the result of such election, to be filed with the secretary.

**May insure against loss by lightning.** SEC. 9. *And be it further enacted,* That the said company shall have authority and may take insurance on any kind of property, against loss or damage occasioned by lightning, whether fire shall result therefrom or not, and may make such