

CHAPTER 597.

AN ACT to incorporate the Somerset Electric Light and Railway Company of Somerset County, and to declare its rights, powers, privileges and franchises.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That A. Lincoln Dryden, Thomas S. Hodson, William A. Tull, Oliver P. Byrd and Isaac H. Tawes, of Somerset county, and their associates and successors, be and they hereby are created, constituted and declared to be a body politic and corporate, under the name and style of the Electric Light and Railway Company of Somerset County, and under such name and style made capable in law to sue or be sued, defend and be defended, plead and be impleaded, at law or in equity; to have and use a common or corporate seal, and to alter and remove the same at pleasure, and otherwise in all things to do, execute and perform whatever any corporation and body politic or individual may, can or might lawfully do, execute and perform, within the scope and for the object and purposes of the said corporation, as follows, namely: To construct and lay down and to operate a railway with the necessary and proper switches, turnouts, and any and all mechanical contrivances, and devices, and appliances suitable to operate an electric railway, and to run thereon cars and carriages, drawn or propelled by electric or other motive, between the town of Crisfield and Apes Hole Landing on Pocomoke sound, with such laterals or branches within said county of Somerset as said corporation may deem advantageous to acquire, hold, manage, or to dispose of any personal or real property essential or relevant to the uses aforesaid, and also to acquire title adjacent to such line of railway, or any lateral or branch thereof, and to develop, improve, hold and sell; and they shall also have power to manufacture and sell, and furnish such quantities of electric light and electric power as may be required or desired at any point in said county; and to contract for and furnish electric lights for lighting the streets, wards, public or private buildings in said county, and of any city or town therein, and for motive power and other purposes; and said corporation is hereby authorized and empowered to lay, purchase and construct or build lines and conductors and conduits under, along or upon or over the streets, squares, lanes, alleys, roads or ways whatsoever in said county, or any city or town therein, the consent of the County Commissioners for Somerset county first being had and

A body corporate.

Corporate powers.

May construct railway.

May deal in electricity.