

partnership, shall be *prima facie* evidence of said partnership and of the persons composing the same as therein set forth, or if made on behalf of any body corporate by any person therein alleging himself to be a charter officer thereof shall be *prima facie* evidence of the fact of its corporation as therein set forth.

Effective. SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect from the day of its passage.

Approved April 4, 1888.

Chapter 393.

AN ACT to provide for the retiring and pensioning of the officers and men of the Baltimore city fire department.

May retire and pension. SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the board of fire commissioners of the city of Baltimore may retire from office in the fire department any permanent or call member thereof who has become permanently disabled while in the actual performance of duty, or who has performed faithful service in the department for a period of not less than twenty consecutive years, and place the member so retired upon a pension roll.

Amount of pension. SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the amount of such annual pension to be allowed by said board of fire commissioners to each pensioner shall be four hundred dollars per annum, payable in monthly instalments.

Directed to appropriate. SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of the foregoing sections the mayor and city council of Baltimore are hereby directed to appropriate annually such sums of money as shall be sufficient to pay the pension of such members of the fire department as shall be put upon said pension roll under the provisions of the foregoing sections.

Approved April 5, 1888.