

incorporated under the general laws of this State, and that it is entitled to continue or to commence business in this State, as the case may be.

109 c. Any person or any officer of such corporation who shall presume to act as agent or employe of any such foreign corporation, or to open or continue an office for the transaction of the business of any such foreign corporation, before the provisions of this Act have been fully complied with, and before said corporation shall have procured the aforesaid certificate from the Secretary of State, shall forfeit and pay to the State of Maryland the sum of one hundred dollars for each and every day he may act as such agent or employe, or may occupy such office for the transaction of such business, and it shall be the duty of the State's attorney for the city or county in which such business is transacted, or is proposed to be transacted, to prosecute for and recover such penalty; provided, that agents or officers of foreign corporations doing business in this State at the date of the passage of this Act shall not be held liable to the penalties herein prescribed until on and after the first day of July, 1898.

Act as agent
or employe.

109 d. No such foreign corporation shall be permitted to maintain any action, either at law or in equity in the courts of this State, until the provisions of this Act shall have been complied with; provided, that in the case of such corporations doing business in this State at the date of the passage of this Act, this section shall not apply until on and after the first day of July, 1898.

Permitted to
maintain
action.

109 e. Upon the application of any person interested, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of State to furnish copies of such charters, certificates or acts of incorporation and sworn statements for which he shall be entitled to demand and receive from the person so applying the usual fees for transcribing the same, and he shall account quarterly to the Comptroller for the deposit fees received by him under the provisions of this Act, less the costs and expenses of recording the same.

Copies to be
furnished.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Effective.

Approved April 9, 1898.

CHAPTER 271.

AN ACT to add a new section to Article two of the Code Public Local Laws, title "Anne Arundel County," under