

hereinafter provided for, but including any corporation which is engaged in this State permanently or temporarily, and with or without a usual place of business therein, in the construction, alteration, erection or repair of any building, bridge, railroad, railway or structure of any kind, shall, before doing business herein, file with the Secretary of State, who shall record the same, (1) a certified copy of its charter or certificate of incorporation; (2) a certificate to be renewed annually before the first day of April in every year, subscribed and sworn to by its president or treasurer, or a majority of its board of directors and accompanied by the annual fee of one dollar for recording such renewal, showing (a) the corporate name; (b) the names and addresses of its president, treasurer, secretary and the members of its board of directors; (c) its principal office in this State and in the State of incorporation; (d) the amount of its capital stock authorized and issued, the number and par value of the shares and the amount paid in thereon, and the names and addresses of its shareholders in this State, and the number of shares held by each, and the amount of its capital employed in this State; (e) the name and address of its agent, resident in this State, and authorized to accept service of process upon it; and (f) its willingness that so long as any liability remains outstanding against it in this State, the authority of such agent shall continue until a substitute is appointed and certified to the Secretary of State. At the time of filing the original papers required by this section every such foreign corporation shall pay to the Secretary of State for the use of the State, a fee of twenty-five dollars, upon receipt of which he shall issue to it the certificate setting forth that it is entitled to do business in this State, and for all such fees said Secretary of State shall account quarterly to the Comptroller and pay the same forthwith to the State Treasurer for the use of the State, less the costs and the expenses of recording the same.

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SEC. 69. Every officer of any such foreign corporation which fails to comply with the provisions of the preceding section, and every agent of such non-complying corporation, who transacts business for it in this State, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and liable to a fine of two hundred dollars. Such failure shall not affect the validity of any contract made with such non-complying corporation, but no suit shall be maintained in any of the courts of this State by any such corporation until it has complied with the requirements of this article.