

“Public Roads,” as enacted by Chapter 374 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland, of the Session of 1912.

(Vetoed.)

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CHAPTER 789.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments Sections 4 and 5 of Article 23 of Bagby's Code of 1912.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 4 and 5 of Article 23 as codified in Bagby's Code of 1912, be and the same are hereby repealed, and the same re-enacted to read as follows:

4. After the certificate is acknowledged before a Justice of the Peace, his official character shall be certified by the Clerk of the Circuit or Superior Court under his official seal; every certificate shall be submitted to one of the judges of the judicial circuit in which the principal office of the corporation will be located, and shall, if such certificate is executed in conformity with law, certify that fact thereon; when so certified such certificate shall be delivered to the Secretary of State, and upon payment (and not before) of the recording fees hereinafter provided for, shall endorse thereon the date and time of receipt and promptly record the same in a book to be kept by him for that purpose, and shall also issue to the corporation so formed a certificate under the seal of his office, certifying that the corporation possesses the powers and authorities granted under the certificate of incorporation and the laws of the State of Maryland. Upon receipt by the Secretary of State of such Certificate of Incorporation and recording fees, the Secretary of State shall transmit to the State Tax Commissioner an abstract of such Certificate of Incorporation showing the incorporators and directors, the name of the corporation and the amount of the capital stock authorized, which shall be recorded by the State Tax Commissioner in a book kept for that purpose. At the time of receiving such certificates the Secretary of State shall collect double the fees allowed by law to Clerks of Courts for recording documents of similar length; and one-fourth of the sum so collected shall be paid by him to the State Tax Commissioner, to whom such abstract shall be transmitted for record; and said Certificate issued by the Secretary of State, or any certified copy thereof by him, shall be prima facie evidence of the existence of said corporation