

the course of such examination, except so far as the public duty of such officer requires him to report upon or take special action regarding the affairs of any banking institution, and except when called as a witness in any criminal proceeding or trial in a Court of Justice. If any Bank Commissioner, deputy, attorney, clerk or examiner in such department shall disclose the name of any debtor of any banking institution, or anything relative to the private accounts or transactions of such institution, or shall disclose any fact discovered in the course of his examination, except as herein provided, he shall be subject, on conviction thereof, to forfeiture of his office, and to the payment of not more than one thousand dollars or imprisonment not more than two years, or both.

SEC. 17. The amount of five thousand dollars per annum, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of the State Treasury from any funds available, toward the salaries and expenses, including traveling expenses, of the Bank Commissioner's office, if the amounts collected from the several banking institutions should not be sufficient for the said salaries and expenses.

SEC. 22. The articles of incorporation shall be executed in triplicate by the persons joining therein, before any officer authorized to take acknowledgments, and then approved in writing by the Bank Commissioner, who shall have power to require such changes as he may deem necessary before he approves them, and shall then be submitted to one of the judges of the Judicial Circuit in which the bank is to be located, in order that he may determine whether said articles are framed in accordance with existing laws. One copy shall then be filed for record in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court in the county in which the bank is to be located, or in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Baltimore City, when to be located in said city, and one copy shall be filed with the Bank Commissioner, who shall issue his certificate therefor, and one copy shall be filed with the State Tax Commissioner. The corporation so formed shall have no legal existence until all copies of the articles of association have been filed for record, as herein directed. The fee for filing such articles of incorporation with the Bank Commissioner shall be ten (\$10.00) dollars, and for filing amendments to the articles of incorporation, five (\$5.00) dollars, all such fees to be collected by the Bank Commissioner.

SEC. 25. Whenever articles of incorporation are filed with the Bank Commissioner, as herein provided, and the bank trans-