

## CHAPTER 264.

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*An act for the prevention of frauds on the right of voting by the stockholders in the several Incorporated institutions in this State.* Passed Mar. 11, 1837.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That whenever five or more of the stockholders of any private corporation created by this State, at least thirty days prior to an election for managers, directors or other officers of any such corporation, elected by the stockholders thereof, shall give notice in writing of their intention to canvass the votes which may be given at the next ensuing election thereof, by a notice delivered at the usual place of business thereof to the president, cashier, secretary, treasurer, director or other principal manager of any such company, it shall be the duty of the officer so receiving such notice, immediately to communicate the same by mail to all the stockholders of such corporation living in the State.

On notice given of design to canvass

Notice to stockholders directed

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That upon proof made to the judges of any such election, of such notice having been delivered as aforesaid by any five stockholders, it shall be the duty of such judges before receiving their votes, to require all stockholders offering to vote in person, the stock in any such corporation, standing in his or her names, to make the following oath or affirmation: "I do solemnly swear, or affirm, that the stock which I now propose and offer to vote in the election of the \_\_\_\_\_ is my sole and bona fide property, or belongs solely and bona fide to me and my partner or partners in trade, or is held by me as trustee or in some fiduciary relation to be specified in such oath, and that my right and title to the same has been fairly and bona fide, and not colourably, nor fraudulently created or acquired, and not with any intent to increase the number of votes which would otherwise be allowed to said stock, nor in any manner directly or indirectly to violate, avoid or evade the standard of voting as fixed, either by the charter of said company or its by-laws, and that the said stock to the best of my knowledge, belief and information, on an interest I have therein, is not now retained in my name, or in that of my part-

Oath required of stockholder before voting