

23. Upon making and filing of the articles of incorporation, and upon the payment of the bonus and other taxes required by the laws of this State, the bank shall become a body corporate and as such shall have the following powers:

First. To make all contracts necessary and proper to effect its purpose and conduct its business.

Second. To sue and be sued, to appear and defend in all actions and proceedings under its corporate name to the same extent as a natural person.

Third. To have a common seal and to alter the same at pleasure.

Fourth. To elect or appoint all necessary officers, agents and servants, define their duties and obligations, fix their compensation, dismiss them, fill vacancies and require bonds.

Fifth. To make, amend and repeal by-laws and regulations, not inconsistent with law or its articles of organization, for its own government, for the orderly conduct of its affairs and the management of its property, for determining the manner of calling and conducting its meetings, the tenure of office of its several officers, and such other matters as shall be necessary or convenient for the accomplishment of its purpose.

Sixth. To exercise, by its directors, duly authorized officers or agents, all such powers as shall be usual in carrying on the business of banking; by buying, discounting and negotiating promissory notes, bonds, drafts, bills of exchange, foreign and domestic, and other evidences of debt; by receiving deposits of money upon which interest may be paid; by buying and selling coin and bullion; by buying and selling exchange, foreign and domestic; by accepting for payment at a future date, drafts or bills of exchange drawn upon it, having not more than six months to run, which grow out of transactions involving the importation or exportation of goods, or which grow out of transactions involving the domestic shipment of goods, provided shipping documents conveying or securing title are attached at the time of acceptance, or which are secured at the time of acceptance, by a warehouse receipt or other such documents conveying or securing title covering readily marketable staples; by accepting drafts or bills of exchange drawn upon it having not more than three months' sight to run, by banks or bankers in foreign