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party of the company ; and generally, to transact and perform all such business as may appertain to Mutual Fire Insurance Companies, not contrary to this act, or the constitution and laws of this State, or the United States.

Conducted by nine managers

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the affairs of this corporation shall be conducted by and under the control of a board, consisting of nine managers, to be elected at the annual meetings of the members, as hereinafter directed ; and to continue in office for one year, or until their successors are chosen ; the said managers shall have power to perform such duties as are hereinafter specified and provided, or as may be directed by the by-laws which the said corporation may order for its future government, not inconsistent herewith ; they, the said managers, shall elect a president from their own body, and shall likewise appoint a secretary, who shall *ex-officio*, be the treasurer of the corporation, and as such, give bond with security, to be approved by the board and appraisers, surveyors, and such other agents as may be found necessary for the proper management of the benefits of said company.

Elect a president, &c.

Members to convene.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That on the first Saturday of August next, and on the same Saturday, in said month in every year thereafter, the members of the said company shall convene at some convenient place, to be provided by the board of managers, for the purpose of electing the aforesaid managers, and the transaction of any other business that may be found necessary ; of which meetings, notice shall be given by the board of managers in writing, for at least twenty days previous, in one or more newspapers published in said county ; and until such first election shall be held, Francis A. Ellis, John Partridge, Henry S. Stiles, Henry C. Makall, Benedict Jones, Joseph Haines, Allen Anderson, John M. Miller and Benjamin B. Chambers, shall be the managers of said corporation, with power to perform all the duties of the board contemplated by this act ; elections for managers, shall be by ballot, among the members, and by a plurality of the members present ; *provided*, that female members only, may vote by proxy, such proxy being executed in writing, before one witness at least, and filed with the judges of election, before the balloting commences, the election to be conducted by three judges, chosen from the members, not managers ; the judges shall certify, under their hands and seals, the result of such election, to be filed with the secretary among the papers of the corporation, special meetings of the said

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