

**CHAP. 291.** SEC. 14. *And be it enacted,* That the president shall have power to make and execute contracts of insurance in behalf of the company, but the board by a by-law, restrict the authority of the president in this respect, and a larger sum than twenty thousand dollars shall not be taken on any one risk, except by the express direction of the board.

Notes or obligations, &c. signed by the president, &c. SEC. 15. *And be it enacted,* That all notes or obligations, except policies of insurance, shall be signed by the president and countersigned by two of the directors, and no promissory note or obligation, except contracts of insurance, shall be given without the previous vote of the board of directors.

No director shall be present. SEC. 16. *And be it enacted,* That no director or other person shall be present unless requested, at any meeting of the board, when any business in which he is interested shall be finally determined and passed upon.

Annual dividend statement shall be made. SEC. 17. *And be it enacted,* That on the thirty-first day of December, of the second year after the day on which the first policy of the company shall have been issued and bear date, or within one month thereafter, and on the same day of every subsequent year, an annual dividend statement shall be made, which shall contain a fair estimate of the nett profits of the company not before divided, up to and including the thirty-first day of December, of each and every year, taking into view the probable amount to be paid on all claims and demands, which have been or may be made against said company, and allowing for any previous deficiencies, and after ascertaining in this mode the nett profits of each period on risks marked off, the board may declare a dividend, and the officers of the company issue certificates of a certain per centum on the premiums received during such period for such marked off risks, to the persons in whose names the policies of insurance were originally made, or to their representatives, and to the holders of certificates of stock, or their representatives, the said persons insuring and the said holders of certificates of stock, sharing the amount thus actually earned, pro rata according to the premiums paid, or the amount of interest for such period, payable on the stock held by them respectively, which certificates shall be designated certificates of profits, and may be issued as hereinafter provided for, and the amounts named in such certificates shall be conclusive upon the parties entitled to receive them at such periods, and not be changed by subsequent events, showing the actual payments to be more or less favorable than

Declare a dividend.

Sharing the amounts pro rata.