

SEC. 16. *And be it enacted*, That the president and directors previous to entering on the duties of their respective offices, shall take the following oath or affirmation: I A B do swear or affirm as the case may be, that I will faithfully, diligently, impartially and honestly fulfil the duties of my office of _____, to the best of my knowledge and ability.

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Oath.

SEC. 17. *And be it enacted*, That no director of any other fire insurance company shall be allowed to be a director of this association, and should any director of this association be elected a director of any other fire insurance company, his acceptance of that appointment shall ipso facto disqualify him from continuing a director of this association, and the department or the company from which such director shall have been delegated, shall proceed to fill up the vacancy as is hereinafter provided.

No director in any other fire insurance, can be a director in this.

SEC. 18. *And be it enacted*, That the Baltimore United Fire Department, and the respective companies composing this association, who may be entitled to the election of one or more directors, shall hold separate meetings for the first election of directors, within four weeks after the aforesaid amount of seventy-five thousand shares of stock shall be subscribed for; and on the second Monday in January, and in each and every year thereafter, and choose by ballot from among their members, the number of directors to which they are entitled; each fire company in the department to have one vote, each company and the stockholders in each company to have one vote; the directors so chosen, shall serve until the second Monday in January, eighteen hundred and forty seven, and until others shall be chosen and no longer; at their first meeting after every election, they shall choose by ballot a president either from among their own body, or from amongst the other stockholders; and in case of the death or disqualification of the president, the directors shall fill up the vacancy by ballot; the said directors shall produce before they enter on the duties herein assigned them, a certificate signed by the president and secretary of the department, or the respective fire companies, of the appointment of such person as director.

Associations to hold separate meetings.

SEC. 19. *And be it enacted*, That in case of the death, resignation or disqualification of a director, the place of such director, for the remainder of the year, shall be filled up by the department or the company from which such director was delegated, from the Baltimore United Fire Department, or the fire company by whom he was elected.

Vacancy to be filled by department