

CHAP. 137.
their powers
and duties.

James Kent, John F. Wilson, Henry Owens, Gassaway Winterson, Edward Harvey, John W. Iglehart, James S. Owens, William H. Peake, James H. Watkins, of N., Nicholas B. Worthington, Thomas R. Kent, Thomas Davidson, Alfred Sellman, Benjamin Watkins, Charles Hodges, Thomas S. Iglehart, Thomas Welch, Doctor Thomas Owens, William Hopkins, Richard S. Mercer, George Gale, Doctor Estep Hall, John W. Chew, Thomas J. Richardson, B. W. Marriott, Rinaldo Pindell, Benjamin Allen Welch, Sprigg Harwood, Charles Steele, Charles Stewart, Doctor Benjamin L. Bird and Richard G. Chaney, or any thirteen of them, are hereby created directors of the said Mutual Fire Insurance company, in Anne Arundel county, until the first Monday of August, eighteen hundred and fifty-three, and until their successors shall be elected as hereinafter provided for, and such of them as shall be present at the first meeting, shall proceed to organize the company, by electing a President and Secretary thereof, and as soon thereafter as practicable, adopt a form of constitution and bye-laws, to provide the necessary books, and otherwise prepare the company for the transaction of business, and when so prepared to exercise a general superintendence of the affairs of the company; and the board of directors above named, and any board of directors that may be hereafter elected, as hereinafter provided for, shall have authority to allow any officer or officers in the employ of the company such salaries, fees or compensation as they may deem proper, and all officers of the company, other than directors, shall be appointed annually by such directors as shall be present at the first meeting of the board after the annual election of directors, and in case of any vacancy or vacancies occurring in the board of directors at any time or times, from any cause whatever, such vacancy or vacancies shall be filled by the remainder of the board until the time of holding the next annual election.

Authority to
allow officers
compensation.

Notice to be
given for elec-
tion of direc-
tors.

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the president or secretary of the said company, annually to give notice of at least two weeks, by advertisement in some newspaper published in Anne Arundel county, or by notice posted at such public places as he may deem proper, of the election which shall be held on the first Monday of January, in each and every year, for thirteen directors of the company, who shall be members thereof, but in case such election should, from any cause, not be held on the said day, the company shall not in consequence thereof be dissolved, but such election may be held at such subsequent time as

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