

CHAP. 369. which it may sue and be sued; Second, the general route of the line of telegraph, designating the points to be connected; Third, the capital stock of such association and the number of shares into which the stock shall be divided; Fourth, the names and places of residence of the stockholders, and the number of shares held by each of them respectively; Fifth, the period at which such association shall commence and terminate, and such certificate shall be proved or acknowledged and recorded in the office of the clerk of the Circuit court for the county where any office of such association shall be established of, if the office be in the city of Baltimore, then in the office of the clerk of the Superior court for said city, and such acknowledgment may be taken by any officer authorised to take the acknowledgment of deeds of real estate at the place where such acknowledgment is taken.

Incorporated by name designated in certificate.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That upon complying with the provisions of the last preceding section, such association shall be, and hereby is declared to be a body corporate, by the name so as aforesaid to be designated in said certificate; and a copy of said certificate, duly certified by the clerk of the Circuit court or Superior court as aforesaid, where the same is filed and recorded, may be used as evidence in all courts and places, for and against any such association.

Power to purchase, receive, hold and convey real estate.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* That such association shall have power to purchase, receive and hold, and convey such real estate, and such only as may necessarily for the convenient transaction of the business, and for effectually carrying on the operations of such association, and may appoint such directors, officers and agents, and make such prudential rules, regulations and by-laws, as may be necessary in the transaction of their business, not inconsistent with the laws of this State or of the United States.

Authority to construct lines of telegraph upon public roads, &c.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted,* That such association is authorised to construct lines of telegraph along and upon any of the public roads and highways, or across any of the waters within the limits of this State, by the erection of the necessary fixtures, including posts, piers or abutments, for sustaining the cords or wires of such lines; *Provided,* the same shall not be so constructed as to incommode the public use of said roads or highways, or injuriously interrupt the navigation of said waters, nor shall this act be so construed as to authorise the construction of any bridge across any of the waters of this State.

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