

they shall have power to establish their salaries, fill vacancies in their own body, make by-laws, and possess all the other powers conferred upon the directors by this act.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That the said company for the better security of its dealers, may receive notes for premiums in advance, of persons intending to receive its policies, and may negotiate such notes for the purpose of paying claims or otherwise in the course of its business; but the aggregate amount of such notes shall not exceed at any one time two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, and shall not be used by the company until all its other available funds are exhausted; but in proportion as its earnings will justify it, the company shall have the right to decrease the respective amount of said notes, and to cancel and return them to their respective signers, after receiving from them the proportion which the company may have earned for policies issued to them respectively; and no policy shall be issued by the company until such notes to be approved of by the board of directors, or such notes and money amounting in the aggregate to four hundred thousand dollars shall have been delivered and paid into the company; and the said subscription in money not to exceed one hundred and fifty thousand dollars shall be subscribed and paid in such manner, and at such times, as the board shall direct, but in sums of not less than one hundred dollars, and if over that amount, in even sums of one hundred dollars; the subscribers to said sums, on the payment of the amount subscribed by them, shall receive from the company certificates therefor, of not less than one hundred dollars each, which, to distinguish them from the dividend certificates to be issued, as hereinafter provided, shall be designated, certificates of stock, the holders of said certificates of stock shall receive six per cent yearly on the amount thereof, which shall be paid semi-annually out of the profits of the company before any disposition of the funds of the company shall be made among the policy holder or holders of dividend certificates, as hereinafter provided; and, in case of a deficiency of means in any one year to meet the said interest, the same shall be made good in the succeeding year, or as soon thereafter as the business and resources of the company permit; it being the true intent and meaning of this act, that if the said subscription in money and notes, or any part thereof, or the interest not divided thereon, be at any time required to meet any demand against said company, such

Security of dealers.

Amount of notes.

Right to decrease notes.

Notes to be approved.

Manner of paying.

Certificates of stock.

Deficiency.

Intent and meaning of act.