

preceding section of this act, and upon the same day in every year thereafter, at Chestertown, of which notice shall be given by the secretary at least twenty days in the newspapers before mentioned, and choose by a majority of the votes then present, their officers for the ensuing year, as mentioned in the third section of this act, who shall continue in office one year, and until others are chosen; and the said stockholders shall meet at such other times as they may be summoned so to do by the directors, in such manner and form as shall be prescribed by the by-laws; and at the annual and special meetings they shall have full power to do any corporate act consistent with this charter; and the number of votes to which each stockholder shall be entitled shall be according to the number of shares he may hold, each share entitling him to one vote, but no share shall entitle or confer a right of suffrage which shall not have been held at least one calendar month prior to the day of election, nor unless it be holden by the person in whose name it appears, absolutely and bona fide in his own right, or in right of his wife, or for his or her sole use and benefit, or as executor, or administrator, trustee or guardian, or in the right, and for the use and benefit of some co-partnership, corporation or society of which he or she may be a member, and not in trust for, and to the use and benefit of any other person; and in all voting by proxy or attorney, said proxy or attorney shall be legally constituted.

Sec. 5. *And be it enacted*, That the election of officers aforesaid shall be conducted in the following manner, that is to say; the directors for the time being shall appoint three of the stockholders not being directors to be judges of the said election, and to conduct the same, after having severally taken and subscribed an oath or affirmation before a judge or justice of the peace, well and truly according to law to conduct such election, and the said judges, or a majority of them, shall decide upon the qualifications of the voters, and when the election is closed, shall count the votes and declare who has been elected; and if it shall at any time happen that an election of any one or all the officers of said company shall not be made, the corporation shall not for that cause be deemed to be dissolved, but it shall be lawful to hold and make such election for president and directors, treasurer or other officers, on the same day, or upon any day thereafter, by giving ten days notice at least

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