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der the hand of the clerk and seal of the court, shall be to all intents and purposes as available evidence in any court of justice in this state, and elsewhere, as the original if produced and legally proven; and the state of Maryland, and all bodies politic and corporate, or individuals, who may be interested in the performance of the duties intended to be secured by the said bond, shall be at liberty to demand a copy of the said bond, and to bring a suit thereon, in the name of the state, for his, her, or their use, and may recover thereon the full amount of debt or damages which he, she or they, may shew him, her or themselves, to be entitled to, or to have sustained.

16. *And be it enacted.* That said commissioners be and are hereby authorised and required, annually, to devise and fix upon the scheme of not more than two lotteries to be drawn in the city of Baltimore, and to prepare, sign and dispose of, the tickets in said lotteries, and to employ agents, brokers and others, to sell the same, taking always from those to whom they sell tickets, or entrust the sale of them, adequate security for the punctual payment of the money arising from the sale of said tickets, and that they may allow a sum not exceeding ten per cent. discount upon the sale of, or for selling such tickets, from the price estimated or fixed in the scheme of said lottery; and that said commissioners, so soon as all said tickets may have been sold, or such proportion thereof as they may be of opinion would warrant the commencement of drawing said lottery or lotteries, shall proceed to draw the same as rapidly and speedily as they may judge most prudent and advisable, and that the said commissioners thus proceed annually to draw not more than two lotteries.

17. *And be it enacted.* That said commissioners shall, so soon as they have fixed upon the scheme of a lottery, transmit to the treasurer of the western shore a copy of said scheme, by him to be preserved in his office, and in the sale of all tickets shall take the notes, bonds, bills, or other securities, in the name of the treasurer of the western shore, as such treasurer, and shall at the end of every month, or as much oftener as said treasurer may require, transmit to the said treasurer all such bonds, bills, notes and securities, which they may take for tickets sold as aforesaid; and shall at the same time, and in the same manner, transmit and pay over to said treasurer, all monies which they may receive for tickets sold by them for cash, and at the same time, and in like manner, shall also, as they receive monies, bonds, notes, bills, or other securities, from the agents, brokers or others, whom they may have employed to sell tickets as aforesaid, pay over and transmit the same to the said treasurer; and in case of neglect, omission or refusal, on the part of said commissioners, to pay over monies as aforesaid, or to transmit or deliver over bonds, notes, bills, or other securities as aforesaid, or on failing, on the request of the treasurer, from time to time as he may think proper, to account with and give statements to him of the state, condition and disposition, of all tickets, monies, bonds, notes, bills, or other securities, the said treasurer is required and strictly enjoined forthwith to put the bond of said commissioners in suit.

18. *And be it enacted.* That said treasurer shall, after the expiration of sixty days after the conclusion of the drawing of any of said

Two lotteries may be drawn annually in city of Balt.

Schemes to be transmitted to treasurer, also monies, &c.

Treasurer to pay prizes &c.

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