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CHAPTER 22.

AN ACT TO AMEND ARTICLE 27 OF THE CODE OF PUBLIC GENERAL LAWS OF MARYLAND, TITLE "CRIMES AND PUNISHMENTS," BY ADDING A NEW SECTION THERETO, TO BE KNOWN AS SECTION 75A.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Article 27 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, title "Crimes and Punishments," be and the same is hereby amended by the addition of the following new section, to be known as Section 75A:

Section 75A. If any executor, administrator, guardian, committee, trustee, receiver or any other fiduciary shall fraudulently and wilfully appropriate to any use and purpose not in the due and lawful execution of his trust any money or any other thing of value which may come into his hands as such executor, administrator, guardian, committee, trustee, receiver, or in any other fiduciary capacity, or secrete it with a fraudulent intent to appropriate it to such use or purpose, he shall be deemed guilty of embezzlement, and shall be punished, upon conviction, by imprisonment in the penitentiary for not less than one year nor more than five years.

Approved March 1, 1900.

JOHN WALTER SMITH, Governor.

JOHN HUBNER, President of the Senate.

LLOYD WILKINSON, Speaker of the House of Delegates.

We hereby certify, That the aforegoing is a correct copy of an Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed January Session, 1900.

ALFRED RITTER, Secretary of the Senate.

B. L. SMITH, Chief Clerk of the House of Delegates.

CHAPTER 23.

AN ACT TO REPEAL CHAPTER 407 OF THE ACTS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND OF 1898, ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADD AN ADDITIONAL SECTION TO ARTICLE 38 OF THE CODE OF PUBLIC GENERAL LAWS, ENTITLED "FINES AND FORFEITURES," TO FOLLOW SECTION 3, TO BE KNOWN AS SECTION 4.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Chapter 407 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1898, entitled an "Act to add an additional section to Article 38 of the Code of Public General Laws, entitled 'Fines and Forfeitures,'" to follow Section 3, and to be known as Section 4, be and the same is hereby repealed; provided, that the provisions of this Act shall not apply to Washington, Allegany, Garrett, Harford, Charles, Calvert, Kent, Baltimore, St. Mary's, Dorchester, Prince George's, Carroll, Somerset, Wicomico, Frederick, Talbot, Worcester and Howard Counties.

Section 2. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved March 1, 1900.

JOHN WALTER SMITH, Governor.

JOHN HUBNER, President of the Senate.

LLOYD WILKINSON, Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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ALFRED RITTER, Secretary of the Senate.

B. L. SMITH, Chief Clerk of the House of Delegates.

CHAPTER 28.

AN ACT TO REPEAL AND RE-ENACT WITH AMENDMENTS SECTION 45 OF ARTICLE 63 OF THE CODE OF PUBLIC GENERAL LAWS OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, ENTITLED "MECHANICS' LIENS."

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 45 of Article 63 of the Code of Public General Laws of the State of Maryland, entitled "Mechanics' Liens," be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted so as to read as follows:

45. No person shall be entitled to a lien under the preceding section unless he shall, within six months from the commencement of the building, repairing, equipping or refitting of such boat or vessel, deliver to the Clerk of the Circuit Court for the county where the building, repairing, equipping or refitting was done, or the Clerk of the Superior Court of Baltimore City, if done in the City of Baltimore, an account or statement, verified by the oath of the claimant, taken and subscribed before some Justice of the Peace, or other officer, authorized to administer an oath, setting forth the names of the claimant and debtor, and if the debt was not contracted by the owner, but by his agent, the name of such agent, the name of other certain description of the boat or vessel, and the place where built, repaired, equipped or refitted, and the particulars or items of the claim or debt; and which account or statement shall be redelivered by such clerk to the party filing the same, after it has been recorded as provided in Section 46.

Approved March 1, 1900.

JOHN WALTER SMITH, Governor.

JOHN HUBNER, President of the Senate.

LLOYD WILKINSON, Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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ALFRED RITTER, Secretary of the Senate.

B. L. SMITH, Chief Clerk of the House of Delegates.

CHAPTER 62.

AN ACT TO ADD AN ADDITIONAL SECTION TO ARTICLE 51, OF THE CODE OF PUBLIC GENERAL LAWS OF MARYLAND, ENTITLED "JURIES," TO BE KNOWN AS SECTION 23, AND TO FOLLOW SECTION 22.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That an additional section be added to Article 51, of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, entitled "Juries," to be known as Section 23, and to follow Section 22.

23. Whenever the jurors for any term of any court in this State have been drawn as hereinbefore provided by this Article, and the business of said term has so far proceeded as that either the Grand Jury or the Petit Jury, or both the Grand Jury and the Petit Jury, shall have been finally discharged, and by reason of any event or events happening before or after said final discharge, any criminal charge shall arise which the said court shall deem of sufficient importance to be investigated forthwith by the Grand Jury and to be tried by a Petit Jury, the said court may in its discretion, require the Grand Jury for said term, and the Petit Jury for said term, or either said Grand Jurors or said Petit Jurors, to be summoned to return to said court, at such time as the court may direct; and in case any one of said jurors shall be unable to attend for reasons which said court may deem satisfactory, the court shall proceed to fill the vacancy thus created, as though said juror had not been finally discharged, and thereupon said court may proceed to investigate and try said criminal charge as fully and completely as though said Grand or Petit Jurors, or either of them, had not been finally discharged for said term; and in counties where the Circuit Court holds non-jury terms, the power of the court to require the return of the jurors aforesaid, and to hold a session of said adjourned jury term, shall exist as though there were no such non-jury term of said court, and the same had not intervened.

Section 2. And be it enacted, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved March 6, 1900.

JOHN WALTER SMITH, Governor.

JOHN HUBNER, President of the Senate.

LLOYD WILKINSON, Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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ALFRED RITTER, Secretary of the Senate.

B. L. SMITH, Chief Clerk of the House of Delegates.

CHAPTER 66.

AN ACT TO ADD AN ADDITIONAL SECTION TO ARTICLE 27 SECTION 21 OF THE CODE OF PUBLIC GENERAL LAWS, ENTITLED "CRIMES AND PUNISHMENTS," TO BE KNOWN AS SECTION 21A OF SAID ARTICLE.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That an additional section be added to Article 27, Section 21, of the Code of Public General Laws, entitled "Crimes and Punishments," to be known as Section 21A, to read as follows:

21A. Any person or persons who shall enter upon or cross over the land, premises or private property of any person or persons in this State, after having been duly notified by the owner or his agent not so to do, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof before some Justice of the Peace in the county or city where such trespass may have been committed be fined by said Justice of the Peace not less than one nor more than one hundred dollars, and shall stand committed to the jail of county or city until such fine and costs are paid; provided, however, that the person or persons so convicted shall have the right to appeal from the judgment of said Justice of the Peace to the Circuit Court of the county or city where such trespass was committed at any time within ten days after such judgment is rendered; and provided further, that nothing in this Act shall be construed to include within its provisions the entry upon or crossing over any land where such entry or crossing is done, under a bona fide claim of right or ownership of said land, it being the intention of this Act only to prohibit wilful and wanton trespass upon the private lands of others.

Approved March 13, 1900.

JOHN WALTER SMITH, Governor.

JOHN HUBNER, President of the Senate.

LLOYD WILKINSON, Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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ALFRED RITTER, Secretary of the Senate.

B. L. SMITH, Chief Clerk of the House of Delegates.

CHAPTER 73.

AN ACT TO AMEND ARTICLE 16 OF THE CODE OF PUBLIC GENERAL LAWS OF MARYLAND, TITLE "CHANCERY," SUB-TITLE "PLEADING, PRACTICE AND PROCESS," BY ADDING A NEW SECTION THERETO, TO BE KNOWN AS SECTION 186B.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Article 16 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, title "Chancery," sub-title "Pleadings, Practice and Process," be and the same is hereby amended by adding a new section thereto, to be known as Section 186B.

Section 186B. It shall not be necessary for the answer or any other pleadings of a corporation to be under the corporate seal.

Approved March 20, 1900.

JOHN WALTER SMITH, Governor.

JOHN HUBNER, President of the Senate.

LLOYD WILKINSON, Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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ALFRED RITTER, Secretary of the Senate.

B. L. SMITH, Chief Clerk of the House of Delegates.

CHAPTER 74.

AN ACT TO REPEAL AND RE-ENACT WITH AMENDMENTS CHAPTER 499 OF THE ACTS OF 1898 OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, ENTITLED AN "ACT TO AMEND ARTICLE 93 OF THE CODE OF PUBLIC GENERAL LAWS OF MARYLAND, TITLE 'TESTAMENTARY LAW,' BY ADDING A NEW SECTION THERETO, TO BE KNOWN AS SECTION 290 A."

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Chapter 499 of the Acts of 1898 of the General Assembly of Maryland, entitled an "Act to amend Article 93 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, title 'Testamentary Law,' by adding a new section thereto, to be known as Section 290 A," be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted so as to read as follows:

290 A. Whenever a sale of real or leasehold estate is made under the authority of the Orphans' Court, or under power contained in a will, and is reported to said court for its ratification, the sale may be ratified by said court at once, without the publication of an order *nisi;* provided all parties in interest are *sui juris*, and their consent is given to such immediate ratification.

Approved March 20, 1900.

JOHN WALTER SMITH, Governor.

JOHN HUBNER, President of the Senate.

LLOYD WILKINSON, Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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ALFRED RITTER, Secretary of the Senate.

B. L. SMITH, Chief Clerk of the House of Delegates.

CHAPTER 131.

AN ACT TO ADD ADDITIONAL SECTION TO ARTICLE 27 OF THE CODE OF PUBLIC GENERAL LAWS, TITLE "CRIMES AND PUNISHMENTS," SUB-TITLE "JURISDICTION, PROCEDURE AND SENTENCE," SUB-DIVISION "PROCEDURE INDICTMENTS," TO BE KNOWN AS "SECTION 291C."

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That an additional section be added to Article 27 of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Crimes and Punishments," sub-title "Jurisdiction, Procedure and Sentence," sub-division "Procedure Indictments," to be known as "Section 291C," and to read as follows:

291C. In every indictment for the violation of any ordinance of any incorporated city or town of this State, it shall not be necessary to set forth a copy of the said ordinance, or any particular section thereof; but every such indictment shall be sufficient if it recites the number of the ordinance alleged to have been violated, with the date of its passage, or, if the ordinance has been embraced in a codification, if it refers to the number of the Article and section of such codification containing such ordinance, and conforms to the rules of law governing the framing of indictments for violation of Acts of the General Assembly of this State, and concludes against the form of the ordinance in such case made and provided, and against the peace, government and dignity of the State.

Section 2. And be it enacted, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved March 29, 1900.

JOHN WALTER SMITH, Governor.

JOHN HUBNER, President of the Senate.

LLOYD WILKINSON, Speaker of the House of Delegates.

We hereby certify, That the aforegoing is a correct copy of an Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed January Session 1900.

ALFRED RITTER, Secretary of the Senate.

B. L. SMITH, Chief Clerk of the House of Delegates.

CHAPTER 135.

AN ACT TO REPEAL SECTION 17 OF ARTICLE 45 OF THE MARYLAND CODE OF PUBLIC GENERAL LAWS, TITLE "HUSBAND AND WIFE," AS REPEALED AND RE-ENACTED BY THE ACT OF 1898, CHAPTER 457, AND RE-ENACT THE SAME WITH AMENDMENTS.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 17 of Article 45 of the Maryland Code of Public General Laws, title "Husband and Wife," as repealed and re-enacted by the Act of 1898, Chapter 457, be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted so as to read as follows, viz:

Section 17. In all cases where leases for a definite term, or for a term of years, renewable forever, have been or may hereafter be made to a married woman, and the rent therein stipulated to be paid, shall be in arrear and unpaid, it shall be lawful for the landlord to levy said rent by distress in the same manner as if the lessee was a *femme sole;* and in case of no sufficient distress being found on said premises, to make such re-entry or bring such action for recovery of the demised premises as he or she might do if the lessee were *femme sole*, and had covenanted for the payment of said rents, and to suffer such re-entry to be made.

Section 2. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved March 29, 1900.

JOHN WALTER SMITH, Governor.

JOHN HUBNER, President of the Senate.

LLOYD WILKINSON, Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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ALFRED RITTER, Secretary of the Senate.

B. L. SMITH, Chief Clerk of the House of Delegates.

CHAPTER 139.

AN ACT TO ADD AN ADDITIONAL SECTION TO ARTICLE 9 OF THE CODE OF PUBLIC GENERAL LAWS ENTITLED "ATTACHMENTS," TO FOLLOW SECTION 48, AND TO BE KNOWN AS SECTION 49, TO BE PRECEDED BY THE HEADING, "MOTIONS TO QUASH ATTACHMENTS."

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That a new section be added to Article 9 of the Code of Public General Laws, entitled "Attachments," to follow Section 48, and to be preceded by the heading, "Motions to Quash Attachments," and to be known as Section 49, and to read as follows:

Section 49. In all cases where a motion to quash an attachment is made, and testimony is required to be taken in support of or against such motion, any party in interest shall have the right to have such testimony taken orally in open court.

Section 2. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved March 29, 1900.

JOHN WALTER SMITH, Governor.

JOHN HUBNER, President of the Senate.

LLOYD WILKINSON, Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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ALFRED RITTER, Secretary of the Senate.

B. L. SMITH, Chief Clerk of the House of Delegates.

CHAPTER 195.

AN ACT TO REPEAL SECTION 12 OF CHAPTER 457 OF THE ACTS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, PASSED AT THE JANUARY SESSION OF 1898, ENTITLED AN ACT TO REPEAL ARTICLE 45 OF THE CODE OF PUBLIC GENERAL LAWS, TITLE "HUSBAND AND WIFE," AND TO RE-ENACT THE SAME WITH AMENDMENTS.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 12 of Chapter 457 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed at the January Session 1898, entitled an "Act to repeal Article 45 of the Code of Public General Laws, Title "Husband and Wife," and to re-enact the same with amendments," be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments, so as to read as follows:

12. Any married woman may, at whatever age she may be, relinquish her dower in any real estate by the joint deed of herself and husband, or by her separate deed, [or she may authorize an agent or attorney to relinquish the same by a power of attorney, executed jointly with her husband, or by herself, without the joinder of her husband,] and in like manner any husband may relinquish his interest in the real estate of his wife by joint or separate deed, or may authorize an agent or attorney to relinquish the same by a power of attorney, executed jointly with his wife, or by himself, without the joinder of his wife.

Approved April 5, 1900.

JOHN WALTER SMITH, Governor.

JOHN HUBNER, President of the Senate.

LLOYD WILKINSON, Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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ALFRED RITTER, Secretary of the Senate.

B. L. SMITH, Chief Clerk of the House of Delegates.

CHAPTER 205.

AN ACT TO REPEAL AND RE-ENACT WITH AMENDMENTS, SECTION 116 OF ARTICLE 16 OF THE CODE OF PUBLIC GENERAL LAWS OF MARYLAND, TITLE "CHANCERY," SUB-TITLE, "PARTITION."

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 116 of Article 16 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, title "Chancery," sub-title "Partition," be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted so as to read as follows:

116. The court may decree a partition of any lands, tenements or hereditaments or any right, interest or estate therein either legal or equitable on the bill or petition of any joint tenant, tenant in common or any parcener or any concurrent owner, whether claiming by descent or purchase, or if it appear that said lands, tenements or hereditaments or any right, interest or estate therein cannot be divided without loss or injury to the parties interested, the court may decree a sale thereof and a division of the money arising from such sale among the parties, according to their respective rights; this section to apply to cases where all the parties are of full age, and to cases where all the parties are infants, and to cases where some of the parties are of full age and some infants, and to cases where some or all of the parties are *non compos mentis*. and also to apply to cases where any or all of the parties are non-residents, and any party whether of full age, infants or *non compos mentis* may file a bill under this section, an infant by his guardian or *prochein ami*, and a *non compos mentis* by his committee, and if any contract hath been made for the sale of any lands, tenements or hereditaments held as aforesaid, or any interest therein for or on behalf of any infant, idiot or person *non compos mentis*, which the court, upon hearing as aforesaid and examination into all circumstances shall think for the interest and advantage, both of such infant, idiot or person *non compos mentis*, and of the other person or persons interested therein to be confirmed, the court may confirm such contract, and all sales and deeds made in persuance of and agreeably to an order of the court in the exercise of the above power, shall be good and sufficient in law to transfer the estate and interest of such infant, idiot or person *non compos mentis* in such lands, tenements or hereditaments according to the true intent and meaning of such deeds respectively, and in all cases of deeds executed in the exercise of the above power, the same shall be executed and acknowledged by such person or persons as the court may appoint for the purpose. And whenever any bill or petition is filed under provision of this section for the sale of lands, persons holding mortgages and other incumbrances, on an undivided interest therein, may be made parties to said bill, and the lands shall be sold free and clear of such mortgages or other incumbrance, and the rights of the lienors shall be protected in distribution of the proceeds of the sale of such lands.

Approved April 5, 1900.

JOHN WALTER SMITH, Governor.

JOHN HUBNER, President of the Senate.

LLOYD WILKINSON, Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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ALFRED RITTER, Secretary of the Senate.

B. L. SMITH, Chief Clerk of the House of Delegates.

CHAPTER 207.

AN ACT TO ADD AN ADDITIONAL SECTION TO ARTICLE 21, OF THE CODE OF PUBLIC GENERAL LAWS OF MARYLAND, TITLE "CONVEYANCING," TO FOLLOW SECTION 85, AND TO BE DESIGNATED AS SECTION 85A.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That a new section be and the same is hereby added to Article 21, of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Conveyancing," to follow Section 85, and to be designated as Section 85A, and to read as follows:

85A. All rents reserved by leases or sub-leases of land hereafter made in this State for a longer period than fifteen years shall be redeemable at any time after expiration of five years from date of such lease or sub-leases, at the option of the tenant, after a notice of one month to the landlord, for a sum of money equal to the capitalization of the rent reserved, at a rate not exceeding six per centum.

Section 2. And be it enacted, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 5, 1900.

JOHN WALTER SMITH, Governor.

JOHN HUBNER, President of the Senate.

LLOYD WILKINSON, Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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ALFRED RITTER, Secretary of the Senate.

B. L. SMITH, Chief Clerk of the House of Delegates.

CHAPTER 267.

AN ACT TO REPEAL AND RE-ENACT WITH AMENDMENTS, SECTION 227 OF ARTICLE 23 OF THE CODE OF PUBLIC GENERAL LAWS, TITLE "CORPORATIONS."

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 227 of Article 23 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, title "Corporations," be and the same is hereby repealed, amended and re-enacted, to read as follows:

227. Any such corporation formed, as aforesaid, may, with the consent of the majority of the owners of the capital stock of such corporation, given in general meeting, extend their lines of telegraph into any other State, or may construct branch lines in this State or any other State, or may lease, sell or convey its property, rights, privileges and franchises, or any interest therein, or any part thereof, to any telegraph company organized under or created by the laws of this or any other State, and may acquire by lease, purchase or conveyance the property, rights, privileges and franchises, or any interest therein, or any part thereof, of any telegraph company organized under or created by the laws of this or any other State upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon between the respective companies, or by purchase at any sale of the property and franchises of any such corporation heretofore incorporated or hereafter to be incorporated under the terms of a mortgage or deed of trust heretofore made or hereafter to be made, conveying the property and franchises of any such company, or under decree of any court, or under an execution issued against the property of said company, and said purchasing company shall have and possess all the rights, franchises and privileges theretofore enjoyed by the company whose property is so acquired, whether the same were acquired under grant from any State, municipality or other corporation, or may consolidate with any other telegraph company or corporation of this or any other State under such name and with such capital stock and upon such terms as may be agreed upon between such companies or corporations, and whenever such consolidation, as aforesaid, is made, a certificate of the same, and of the particulars thereof, shall be executed and acknowledged by the presidents or other principal officers of said corporations so consolidating, which said certificate shall be recorded in the Clerk's office of the Superior Court of Baltimore City, if the principal office of the said consolidated corporation in this State is located in Baltimore City, or in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court for that county, in which the principal office of said consolidated company in this State is located, and, when said consolidated company is formed, it shall be subject to the provisions of this Article, as far as the same are applicable.

Section 2. And be it enacted, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 7, 1900.

JOHN WALTER SMITH, Governor.

JOHN HUBNER, President of the Senate.

LLOYD WILKINSON, Speaker of the House of Delegates.

We hereby certify, That the aforegoing is a correct copy of an Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed January Session, 1900.

ALFRED RITTER, Secretary of the Senate.

B. L. SMITH, Chief Clerk of the House of Delegates.

CHAPTER 272.

AN ACT TO ADD THREE NEW SECTIONS TO ARTICLE 23 OF THE CODE OF PUBLIC GENERAL LAWS, TITLE "CORPORATIONS," SUB-TITLE "GENERAL REGULATIONS," TO FOLLOW SECTION 85, AND TO BE DESIGNATED AS SECTIONS 85A, 85B AND 85C.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That three new sections be and the same are hereby added to Article 23 of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Corporations," sub-title "General Regulations," to follow Section 85, and to be designated as Sections 85A, 85B and 85C, and to read as follows:

85A. All corporations heretofore chartered under any of the laws of this State, except cemetery companies, companies created for purely benevolent or charitable purposes, railroad companies, and building or homestead associations, which have not within two years from the date of the granting of their charter or certificates of incorporation actually organized and began business, shall be conclusively presumed to have surrendered all corporate or charter rights unless within six months from the first day of June, 1900, each of said corporations pay to the Treasurer of this State a franchise-tax, equal to one-eighth of one per cent. per annum, accounting from two years, after the date of the granting of such charter or certificate of incorporation upon the amount of capital stock required to be subscribed before it is authorized to begin business, and upon payment as aforesaid and receiving the receipt of the Comptroller therefor, the said corporate or charter rights shall continue.

85B. All corporations hereafter organized under any of the laws of this State, except as excepted in the preceding section, which shall not within two years from the date of the granting of their charters or certificates of organization actually organize and begin business, shall, in addition to other taxes required by law to be paid annually after the expiration of the two years aforesaid, pay to the treasurer a franchise-tax, equal to one-eighth of one per cent. per annum, until the said corporation actually organizes and begins business upon the amount of its capital stock required to be subscribed before it begins business; on default of such payment annually, all the corporate rights and franchises of such corporation shall be suspended until such payments have been made.

85C. All corporations mentioned in Section 85A, and thereby required to receive their corporate rights and franchises, shall be required annually, after such renewal, and until they actually organize and begin business, to pay the franchise-tax required under the next preceding section of corporations hereafter organized, with like penalties in case of default: the several corporations of the several corporations mentioned in Sections 85A, 85B and 85C of this Article shall be liable for the payment of the franchise-tax imposed herein upon their respective corporations in the same manner as though they had jointly and severally agreed to pay the same. "And the State Tax Commissioner is hereby charged with the duty of carrying the provisions of said sections into effect by assessing the said franchise-tax upon the several corporations in said sections required to pay the same."

Approved April 5, 1900.

JOHN WALTER SMITH, Governor.

JOHN HUBNER, President of the Senate.

LLOYD WILKINSON, Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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ALFRED RITTER, Secretary of the Senate.

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