

concerning the same; to collect ground rents, interest on mortgages, dividends and incomes of all kinds, and to have the management and custody of all kinds of property, on such terms as it may arrange.

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SEC. 14. *And be it enacted*, That the said corporation shall have power to act as the fiscal or transfer agent of any State, municipality, body politic or corporate, and in such capacity to receive and disburse money and transfer, register and countersign certificates of stock, bonds or other evidences of indebtedness, and to receive and manage any sinking fund of any corporation on such terms as may be agreed upon.

May act as
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agent.

SEC. 15. *And be it further enacted*, That the ten days' notice shall be given by publication in one or more newspapers published in Baltimore city of the time and place of said annual election, which annual election shall be conducted by three stockholders, to be selected by the body of stockholders, one of whom shall be designated to act as judge, and the other two as inspectors.

Notice to be
given
of election.

SEC. 16. *And be it further enacted*, That the directors shall have power to declare such dividends of profits of the said corporation as they may deem proper; provided, that no dividends shall be declared when the capital stock would be impaired thereby.

Dividends
declared.

SEC. 17. *And be it enacted*, That the said corporation be and the same is hereby authorized and empowered, either solely or jointly, with one or more other sureties, to insure and become surety for the fidelity of persons holding places of trust or responsibility, public or private, in, to or under the United States Government, or any colony, province or dependency thereof, and in, to or under any foreign country or government, or any colony, province, department, city or county thereof; and to become surety, either solely or jointly, with one or more other sureties for the faithful performance of any trust, office, duty or contract to be discharged or performed in any of the countries, or within any of the jurisdiction aforesaid, and in all such cases, including those whereby law, order, decree, rule or regulation, one or more sureties are required upon any bond, recognizance or stipulation or for the faithful performance of any trust, office, duty or contract; the powers of said company shall embrace authority to execute, either solely or jointly, with one or more other sureties, any bond, recognizance, stipulation or contract having relation thereto.

Authority
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ing places
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SEC. 18. *And be it further enacted*, That the said company be and it is hereby authorized and empowered to sign, make and execute bail bonds and recognizances, and generally to act