

and such by-laws as may hereafter be legally adopted or amended; and it shall always be understood and agreed mutually that every person, persons or corporation, by signing said note or other evidence of debt, in consideration as aforesaid, and the delivery to and acceptance by said company of such note or evidence of debt, thereby authorizes irrevocably any attorney or attorneys at law of the Circuit Court for any county in this State, or of the Superior Court of Baltimore city, to appear in such court as the directors may designate, either during a term or recess of such court, and confess judgment for any assessment by the directors on any said note, or evidence of debt, or interest in advance on same, made, estimated, determined or assessed in accordance with this act, in favor of said company*as plaintiff and against the maker or makers of any premium note or other evidence of debt as aforesaid as defendant or defendants; and the said attorney or attorneys in behalf of said defendant or defendants shall be further authorized to waive stay of execution and all right to homestead or other exemption, now or hereafter to be allowed or reserved execution debtors, any statute of this State to the contrary notwithstanding.

SEC. 17. *And be it further enacted,* That the judges and clerks of the Circuit Courts for the respective counties, and the Superior Court of Baltimore city, are authorized to enter up judgment with the costs for interest, or any assessment on any note or other evidence of debt given in consideration of premium for insurance in the said company, without reference to the amount claimed or assessed; provided, that nothing in this act shall be taken to prevent the said company from bringing suit before any justice of the peace of this State, for any claim of interest or assessment not exceeding \$100, on note or other evidence of debt as aforesaid; and any defendant or defendants in any judgment rendered thereon by any justice of the peace, shall also be deemed to have waived all right to exemption; and it is further provided, that a certificate or statement for any interest or assessment, or any note or other evidence of debt given in consideration of a policy of insurance, or of any other transaction or proceeding of said company, attested by its secretary and the common seal, shall be prima facie evidence before any justice of the peace or court of law or equity; and no member of said corporation, not being in his individual capacity a party to any suit, shall be incompetent as a witness in any such cause on account of his being a member thereof.

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