

organized in pursuance of law, may lease or purchase any part, or all of any railroad, constructed by any other Company, if said Companies' lines of said road are continuous or connected as aforesaid, upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed on between said Companies respectively; or any two or more Railroad Companies whose lines are so connected, may enter into any arrangement for their common benefit, consistent with and calculated to promote the objects for which they were created; *provided*, that no such aid shall be furnished, nor any purchase, lease or arrangement perfected, until a meeting of the stockholders of each of said companies shall have been called by the Directors thereof, at such time and place and in such manner as they shall designate, and the holders of at least two-thirds of the stock of such company represented at such meeting, in person or by proxy, and voting thereat, shall have assented thereto.

Common benefit.

Proviso.

Sec. 26. *And be it enacted*, That every railroad company in the State shall cause all its trains of cars for passengers to entirely stop upon each arrival at a station advertised by such company as a station for receiving passengers, upon such trains at least one-half of one minute; and every company, and every person in the employment of such company, that shall violate, or cause or permit to be violated, the provisions of this section, shall be liable to a forfeiture of not more than one hundred nor less than twenty dollars, to be recovered in an action of debt, upon the complaint of any person, before any Justice of the Peace of the county in which such violation shall occur; and in all cases in which a forfeiture shall occur under the provisions of this section, the company whose agents shall cause or permit such violation, shall be liable for the amount of such forfeiture, and in all cases the conductor upon such train shall be held *prima facie* to have caused the violation of this section, which may occur upon the train in his charge; said forfeiture to be recovered in the name of the State of Maryland, for the use of common schools.

Stop at stations.

Penalty.

Evidence of neglect.

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