

capital of not less than twenty-five thousand dollars nor more than two hundred thousand dollars, divided into shares of one hundred dollars each, which shall be invested in the same manner as is provided for the investment of the capital stock of life insurance companies of this State. The stockholders of the guaranty capital of a company shall be entitled to a semi-annual dividend of not more than four per cent. on their respective shares if the net profits or unused premiums, left after all expenses, losses and liabilities then incurred, with the reserve for reinsurance, are provided for, shall be sufficient to pay the same. The guaranty capital shall be applied to the payment of losses only when the company has exhausted its cash in hand and the invested assets, exclusive of uncollected premiums, and when thus impaired, the directors may make good the whole or any part of it by assessments upon the contingent funds of the company at the date of such impairment. Shareholders and members of such companies shall be subject to the same provisions of law relative to their right to vote as apply respectively to shareholders in stock companies and policy holders in purely mutual companies; and said guaranty capital shall be retired when the permanent fund of the company equals two per cent. of the amount insured upon all policies in force; and said guaranty capital may be reduced or retired by vote of the policy holders of the company and the assent of the insurance commissioner, if the net assets of the company above its reinsurance reserve and all other claims and obligations exclusive of guaranty capital, for two years last preceding and including the date of its last annual statement, shall be not less than twenty-five per cent. of the guaranty capital. Due notice of such proposed action on the part of the company shall be mailed to each policy holder of the company not less than thirty days before the meeting when such action may be taken, and shall also be advertised in two papers of general circulation in the city or county where the principal office of the company is located, not less than three times a week for a period of not less than four weeks before said meeting. No insurance company with a guaranty capital, which has ceased to do new business, shall divide among its stockholders any part of its assets or guaranty capital, except income from investments, until it shall have performed or cancelled its policy obligations.

1916, ch. 256, sec. 154X. 1918, ch. 400, sec. 154X.

154X. Mutual Fire Insurance companies, incorporated under the laws of any other State of the United States, or of any foreign government, and duly licensed to transact business in such other State or country, shall be admitted to do business in this State, upon complying with all the requirements and restrictions of this Article applicable to domestic companies of the same class, save only as to their incorporation and investment of their funds, if they shall at the time of application for admission be in compliance with the laws of their respective