

**CONSOLIDATION OF GAS LIGHT, CONSOLIDATED, AND FOREIGN COMPANIES (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 54 of 1903**

**473.64 Completion of consolidation; evidence.**

Sec. 4.

Upon the ratification of such agreement, in either of the modes aforesaid, by the stockholders of all of the corporations, who are parties thereto, such agreement, together with every such consent annexed thereto, together also with and annexed thereto a copy of the record of the proceedings had or taken at the meeting of stockholders of any such corporation for the ratification of such agreement as aforesaid, exhibiting the vote taken thereat upon the question of such ratification, certified to be such copy by the secretary of such corporation under the seal thereof; and also having annexed thereto a statement of the secretary of each such corporation verified by his oath, setting forth the amount of the capital stock thereof, the number of shares into which the same is divided, the names of the stockholders and the number of shares held by each; and setting forth also in respect to any such consent of the stockholders of any such corporation that the same was signed and acknowledged by all of the stockholders thereof, and in respect to the meeting of stockholders of any such corporation called for the purpose of ratifying such agreement, and so ratifying the same as aforesaid, that the persons named as present or represented at such meeting are the identical persons so named in such statement as stockholders therein, shall be filed in the office of the secretary of state; and a copy thereof, certified by such secretary to be such copy, shall be recorded in the office of the register of deeds in each county of this state, in which any such constituent corporation its principal place of business, and in the county wherein the location and principal place of business of such new corporation may be fixed by or designated in such agreement, if that be a county in this state other than a county in which 1 of said constituent companies has its principal place of business; and then and thereupon such consolidation shall be deemed complete. A copy of such agreement, so filed, and of the documents, papers and proceedings annexed thereto, and filed therewith, as required by this act, certified by the secretary of state to be such copy under the great seal of the state, shall be received in all courts of this state as prima facie evidence of the formation, existence and capacity of such consolidated corporation, in any suit or proceeding brought by or against the same, and of all the facts therein stated.

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