

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 SECOND REGULAR SESSION  
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE  
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5 **Legislative Document**

**No. 1868**

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7 S. P. 792 In Senate, January 21, 1982  
Approved for introduction by the Legislative Council pursuant to  
Joint Rule 26.

8 Referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs and ordered printed.  
Sent down for concurrence.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate  
Presented by Senator Devoe of Penobscot.

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12 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
13 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-TWO  
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15 AN ACT to Amend the Charter of the East  
16 Eddington Public Hall Company.  
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18 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

19 P&SL 1951, c.101 is repealed and the following enacted  
20 in its place:

21 Sec. 1. Incorporation of East Eddington Public Hall  
22 Company validated. The incorporation of East Eddington  
23 Public Hall Company in 1879 is ratified, confirmed and  
24 declared to be in existence and to have been in existence as  
25 a corporation since 1879; and all the acts of the members,  
26 officers and directors of that corporation, prior to the  
27 effective date of this Act, are ratified and confirmed; and  
28 the register of deeds in and for the county of Penobscot is  
29 authorized and instructed to enter upon his records this

1 validation of the incorporation of East Eddington Public  
2 Hall Company in accordance with this Act.

3 Sec. 2. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary  
4 in the general laws of this State, so long as no part of the  
5 income or profit, if any, of the East Eddington Public Hall  
6 Company is distributable to the shareholders, officers or  
7 directors of the East Eddington Public Hall Company, then  
8 the corporation shall be deemed a "nonprofit corporation"  
9 for purposes of the Revised Statutes, Title 13-B, or any  
10 successor or replacement provision, and for all other pur-  
11 poses under general law.

12 Sec. 3. So long as the stated purposes of the corpora-  
13 tion remain "accommodation of the public," the real estate  
14 and personal property owned and occupied by the corporation,  
15 and used solely for its own purposes, or for public pur-  
16 poses, shall be deemed exempt from taxation in accordance  
17 with Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 652, subsection 1,  
18 or any successor or replacement provision; provided, as a  
19 condition to the right of exemption, that:

20 1. No officer, director, shareholder or employee may  
21 receive any pecuniary profit from the operation of the prop-  
22 erty, except reasonable compensation for services in effect-  
23 ing its purposes or as a proper beneficiary of its purposes;

24 2. All profits derived from the operation thereof and  
25 the proceeds from the sale of its property are devoted  
26 exclusively to the purposes for which it is organized; and

27 3. The corporation, as long as it claims exemption  
28 under this Act, shall file with the municipal tax assessors  
29 upon request a report for its preceding fiscal year in such  
30 detail as the tax assessors may reasonably require.

## 31 STATEMENT OF FACT

32 The purpose of this bill is to clarify the status of  
33 the East Eddington Hall Company as a nonprofit, tax exempt  
34 entity. This corporation has always operated on a nonprofit  
35 basis whose interest and practice is quasi-public in nature.  
36 Recent developments, including the enactment of Revised  
37 Statutes, Titles 13-A and 13-B, have rendered that status  
38 somewhat unclear. This bill corrects that problem.

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