

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Second Legislature.

SENATE.

No. 98.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND
EIGHTY-FIVE.

AN ACT to charter the Merchants' Insurance Company.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives
in Legislature assembled, as follows:*

CHARTER.

SECTION 1. L. J. Morse, Geo. Stetson, T. J.
2 Stewart, John Cassidy, E. B. Nealley, Chas. T.
3 Stetson, John L. Cutler, Noah Emery, E. L.
4 Stewart, Gilbert Howell, Chas. Hayward, Henry
5 Lord, Wm. B. Snow, F. H. Clergue, H. P. Sar-
6 gent and Edward Stetson, with their associates
7 and successors, be and hereby are made a body
8 corporate and politic by the name of the Mer-
9 chants' Insurance Company, having its place of
10 business at Bangor, and are authorized to take

11 marine and inland insurance and railroad trans-
12 portation risks. All the rights and privileges
13 granted to similar corporations in this State are
14 hereby granted to this company, with the right to
15 make such by-laws as they may deem advisable,
16 not inconsistent with the laws of this State.

SECT. 2. The capital stock of said company
2 shall be one hundred thousand dollars, to be in-
3 creased, whenever the stockholders may desire, to
4 an amount not exceeding five hundred thousand
5 dollars, and shall be divided into shares of one
6 hundred dollars each, one quarter of which shall
7 be paid in or safely secured before any risks shall
8 be taken, and the balance of said stock shall be
9 paid in or secured at such time or times as the
10 directors may order, notice thereof to be given in
11 any newspaper published in Bangor, for two weeks
12 successively, the last publication to be at least one
13 week before the time of payment.

SECT. 3. The management of business not other-
2 wise provided for in the by-laws of the company,
3 shall be under the direction of a board of direct-
4 ors, elected at the annual, or some special meeting
5 called for the purpose, and any director or officer
6 of other insurance companies shall be eligible as
7 director or officer in this company.

SECT. 4. Said company is authorized to invest
2 in or loan its capital and accumulations, on mort-
3 gages of real estate, national, State, county or
4 city bonds, or in such other manner and upon such
5 security as the board of directors may approve
6 and direct, and may purchase and hold real estate
7 to an amount not exceeding fifty per cent of their
8 capital, in addition to what they may hold by way
9 of mortgage, or what may accrue to them by fore-
10 closure or mortgage, or as security for indebted-
11 ness.

SECT. 5. Said company shall hold a lien upon
2 the stock of any stockholders indebted to the
3 company, and no transfer of such stock shall be
4 permitted, reducing the amount of his stock be-
5 low the amount of such indebtedness, without the
6 consent of the directors by a vote, which vote
7 shall be recorded upon the records of the com-
8 pany, and all liability to the company, either as
9 promisor or indorser upon any note, draft or other
10 negotiable paper, whether the same be matured or
11 not, shall be deemed indebtedness to the com-
12 pany.

SECT. 6. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE CHAMBER, }
February 10, 1885. }

Reported by Mr. SMITH, from Committee on Mercantile Affairs and
Insurance, and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

C. W. TILDEN, *Secretary.*