

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

FIFTIETH LEGISLATURE,

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1871.

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PUBLIC LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1871.

Chapter 177.

An act to authorize railroad companies to fix the number of directors.

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

SECTION 1. Any railroad company in this state may at its annual meeting fix the number of directors of said company, provided notice be given in the call for said meeting of an intention to act upon said subject.

Railroad companies may fix the number of directors.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved January 26, 1871.

Chapter 178.

An act empowering towns, cities and village corporations to make by-laws and ordinances in certain cases.

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

SECT. 1. Towns, cities and village corporations may make such by-laws and ordinances as they deem proper, respecting the location and protection of trees, lamp-posts, posts and hydrants, within the limits of their roads, ways and streets ; and no trees, lamp-posts, posts or hydrants, which are now located or shall hereafter be located in accordance with the requirements of such

Cities, towns and village corporations, authorized to make by-laws respecting location and protection of trees, lamp-posts and hydrants.

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SECT. 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved February 3, 1871.

Chapter 179.

An act authorizing pensions for disabled soldiers and seamen.

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

Pensions to disabled dependent soldiers and seamen.

SECT. 1. Any person who has served by enlistment in the army or navy of the United States, in the war of eighteen hundred and sixty-one, on the quota of Maine, and who has been disabled by wounds or other injury received in said service, in the line of duty, shall be entitled to a pension from the State of Maine, not exceeding eight dollars per month; *provided*, that such soldier or seaman is unable from his own resources and the United States pension to obtain a livelihood.

Pensions to dependent widows, orphan children, mothers and sisters of deceased soldiers and seamen.

SECT. 2. The widow during her widowhood, orphan children under twelve years of age, or the dependent mother or sister of any soldier or seaman, deceased, from wounds, disease or injury sustained in the service while in the line of duty, are entitled to the same pension as is provided in section one, and under similar conditions; *provided*, that no more than eight dollars per month be paid to one family.

Benefits limited to residents of state.

SECT. 3. Sections one and two of this act shall not be construed so as to include any soldier or seaman who was not a resident of this state at the time of entering the service, or who has not since become a resident thereof.

Governor and council to issue the certificate.

SECT. 4. The execution of this act shall devolve upon the governor and council, who shall regulate the proof required to entitle applicants to the benefit of this act, and issue certificates therefor.

Payment of pension certificate.

SECT. 5. Upon the issue of said certificate, the treasurer of the city, town or plantation where the pensioner resides shall be notified thereof, and the said treasurer shall pay quarterly from the treasury of said city, town or plantation, to the pensioner, the amount specified and for the time specified in said certificate, take vouchers therefor, and the same shall be reimbursed to the said treasurer from the treasury of the state.

Blanks for application.

SECT. 6. The necessary blanks shall be issued to the mayors of cities, selectmen of towns and assessors of plantations, as the governor may direct, and the expenses incurred in printing and distribution shall be paid out of the treasury of the state.