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# ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

## SIXTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

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**Chapter 140.**

An Act in relation to the organization of Corporations chartered by Special Statute.

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

SECT. 1. Before commencing business, the president, treasurer, and a majority of the directors of any corporation chartered by special act of the legislature, shall prepare a certificate setting forth the date of approval of its charter, the name and purposes of the corporation, the amount of capital stock, the amount already paid in, the par value of the shares, the names and residences of the owners, the name of the county where it is located, and the number and names of the directors, and shall sign and make oath to it. Such certificate shall be recorded in the registry of deeds in the county where its principal office is to be located, in a book kept for that purpose, and a copy thereof, certified by such register, shall be filed in the secretary of state's office, who shall enter the date of filing thereon and on the original certificate to be kept by the corporation, and shall record said copy in a book kept for that purpose. From the time of filing such certificate in the secretary of state's office, the stockholders of said corporation, their successors and assigns, shall be a corporation.

Corporations, chartered by special statute, shall, before doing business, prepare a certificate of facts, to be recorded in registry of deeds and secretary of state's office.

—when to be a corporation.

SECT. 2. The certificate mentioned in the preceding section shall not be received and filed by the secretary of state, except upon the payment to him of the sum of one hundred dollars, if the capital stock exceeds ten thousand dollars; fifty dollars if the capital stock be five thousand dollars and does not exceed ten thousand dollars, and twenty-five dollars if the capital stock does not exceed five thousand dollars, which sum is to be paid by the secretary of state to the state treasurer for the use of the state, provided, that the provisions of this section shall not apply to corporations chartered for charitable and benevolent purposes.

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SECT. 3. No certificate of organization of any corporation for banking, insurance, construction and operation of railroads, or aiding in construction thereof, the business of savings banks, trust companies, or corporations intended to derive a profit from the loan or use of money, safe deposit companies, renting of safes and burglar and fire proof vaults, telegraph and telephone companies, electric or gas light com-

Fees, for filing certificates for banking, insurance, railroads, savings banks, trust, safe deposit, telegraph, telephone, electric or gas light companies, street railway and water companies.

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panies, street railway companies, water companies, or any corporation authorized to exercise the right of eminent domain, shall be received and filed by the secretary of state, except upon the payment to him of one hundred dollars, if the capital stock exceeds twenty thousand dollars; twenty-five dollars if the capital stock be five thousand dollars and does not exceed twenty thousand dollars, and twenty dollars if the capital stock does not exceed five thousand dollars, which sum is to be paid by the secretary of state to the state treasurer for the use of the state.

Act shall not apply to corporations organized prior to July, 1891.

SECT. 4. This act, so far as relates to the payment of fees, shall not apply to such corporations as shall be organized prior to July first, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one.

Approved April 3, 1891.

### Chapter 141.

An Act in relation to a license fee for Dogs.

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

Tax lists shall include all dogs owned on the 1st day of April, and owners shall pay annual license fee.

SECT. 1. Town assessors shall include in the tax lists of their town all dogs owned by or in possession of any inhabitant on the first day of each April, setting the number and sex thereof opposite the names of the respective owners or persons in whose possession the same are found, and shall assess on all dogs over four months old an annual license fee of one dollar for each male, and two dollars for each female dog, to be collected of such owner or person in possession, in the same manner as state, county and town taxes are collected.

Dog may be destroyed, if license fee is not paid.

SECT. 2. If any such license fee remains unpaid ten days after it has been demanded of the person liable, by the collector of taxes, said collector shall issue his warrant directed to any constable of his town commanding him forthwith to destroy the dog for which such license fee was assessed. Any constable receiving such warrant from the collector of taxes of his town, shall immediately execute the same by shooting, or by destroying such dog in some other convenient and expeditious manner.