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provision of the charter or by-laws of the company authorizing such vote, which provision or by-laws must have been adopted by the stockholders either at the time of organization or by a subsequent unanimous vote of those stockholders present and voting.'

Approved March 15, 1939.

Chapter 63

AN ACT Relating to Taxation of Colts.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

R. S., c. 12, § 19, amended. Section 19 of chapter 12 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 19. Assessors to include in inventory sheep, swine, neat cattle, colts and fowl; returns to bureau of taxation. Assessors of taxes shall include in the inventory, required to be taken on April 1st, the number and value of all neat cattle 18 months old and under, all sheep to the number of 35, swine to the number of 10, draft colts to the age of 3 years, and domestic fowl to the number of 50, stated separately. Said property shall not be included in the tax list.'

Approved March 15, 1939.

Chapter 64

AN ACT Relating to the Proof of an Official Record.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. Authentication of copy. An official record or an entry therein, when admissible for any purpose, may be evidenced by an official publication thereof or by a copy attested by the officer having the legal custody of the record, or by his deputy, and accompanied with a certificate that such officer has the custody. If the office in which the record is kept is within the United States or within a territory or insular possession subject to the dominion of the United States, the certificate may be made by a judge of a court of record of the district or political subdivision in which the record is kept, authenticated by the seal of the court, or may be made by any public officer having a seal of office and having official duties in the district or political subdivision in which the record is kept, authenticated by the seal of his office. If the office in which the record is kept is in a foreign

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state or country, the certificate may be made by a secretary of embassy or legation, consul general, consul, vice consul, or consular agent or by any officer in the foreign service of the United States stationed in the foreign state or country in which the record is kept, and authenticated by the seal of his office.

Sec. 2. Proof of lack of record. A written statement signed by an officer having the custody of an official record, or by his deputy, that after diligent search no record or entry of a specified tenor is found to exist in the records of his office, accompanied by a certificate as above provided, is admissible as evidence that the records of his office contain no such record or entry.

Sec. 3. Other proof. This statute shall not prevent the proof of official records or of entry or lack of entry therein by any method authorized by any applicable statute, or by the rules of evidence at common law.

Approved March 15, 1939.

Chapter 65

AN ACT Relating to Licenses for Dogs.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

R. S., c. 5, § 158, amended. The 2nd and 5th paragraphs of section 158 of chapter 5 of the revised statutes, as amended, are hereby further amended to read as follows:

'A fee of ~~\$1~~ 90c shall be paid the city or town clerk for each license issued on male dogs, and a fee of ~~\$5~~ \$4.90 shall be paid for all female dogs capable of bearing young. All female dogs shall be considered capable of producing young unless accompanied by a certificate is presented from a licensed veterinary stating that such female was made incapable of bearing young by spaying. When such certificate accompanies the application, a fee of ~~\$1~~ 90c shall then be paid on such spayed females. In addition to the amount paid for license and metal tag each applicant shall pay the city or town clerk ~~15 cents~~ 25c for the recording and making a returns to the commissioner of agriculture.'

'Returns showing all licenses issued by city or town clerks together with a correct report showing the total number of dogs in "both sexes" found by the city or town assessors shall be made to the commissioner of agriculture not later than the 1st day of ~~May~~ July each year.'

Approved March 15, 1939.