

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Ross of Bath.

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## STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-NINE

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### **AN ACT To Permit Nonstock Corporations to Engage in Budget Planning.**

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., T. 13, § 901, amended.** Section 901 of Title 13 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 2 of chapter 495 of the public laws of 1965 and by section 14 of chapter 525 of the public laws of 1967, is further amended to read as follows:

**§ 901. Organization**

When 7 or more persons desire to be incorporated as proprietors of a social, military, literary, scientific or county law library; as a Masonic lodge or chapter of any order or degree; as a Masonic association consisting of members of different orders or degrees; as a lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; as a lodge of the Knights of Pythias; as a tribe of the Improved Order of Redmen; as a division of the Sons of Temperance; as a tent of the Rechabites; as a grange of Patrons of Husbandry; as a Council of the Sovereigns of Industry; as a lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; as a Grand Army Post; as a American Legion Post; as a Veterans of Foreign Wars Post; as a Council of the Boy Scouts of America; as a relief or benefit association for mutual assistance; as a cemetery association; as a monument or memorial association; as a society to promote temperance; as a village improvement society; as an association for the promotion of good municipal government; as a chamber of commerce or board of trade; as a chapter of the Disabled American Veterans; as a post of the American Veterans of World War II; as a local citizens' group to foster, encourage and assist the physical location, settlement or resettlement of industrial, manufacturing, fishing, agricultural and other business enterprises and recreational

projects in any locality within the State; as a yacht club; or **any nonstock corporation incorporated to do budget planning and credit counselling as a public service, without the charging of fees**; or for the purpose of preserving and maintaining a family homestead and the rights of descendants and of members of the family therein; or for any literary, scientific, musical, charitable, educational, social, military, agricultural, moral, religious or benevolent purpose; they may apply in writing to any justice of the peace in the county, who may issue his warrant, directed to one of said applicants, requiring him to call a meeting thereof at such time and place as the justice may appoint.

**Sec. 2. R. S., T. 17, § 701, amended.** Section 701 of Title 17 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

**§ 701. Business prohibited**

No person, firm, association or corporation shall engage in the business of budget planning. This chapter shall not apply to those admitted to the practice of law or to **any nonstock corporation incorporated to do budget planning and credit counselling as a public service, without the charging of fees.**