

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty - Third Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 263.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to amend section ninety-two, section ninety-five, section one hundred and section one hundred and nineteen, chapter forty-seven, Revised Statutes.

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

SECTION 1. Section ninety-two, chapter forty-two seven of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended by striking out the words "not more than three of whom shall be directors in any national bank nor more than two of them" and insert in the place thereof the words 'not more than two of whom shall be' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'SECT. 92. The officers of every such corporation shall consist of a president, treasurer, and when in

11 the opinion of the trustees necessary, a vice-presi-
12 dent and an assistant treasurer, and not less than five
13 trustees, not more than two of whom shall be direc-
14 tors in the same national bank, who shall elect from
15 their number, or otherwise, such other officers as
16 they see fit.'

SECT. 2. Section ninety-five is hereby amended
2 by adding after the word "specified" in the twenty-
3 second line the words 'and all such bonds executed
4 after July first, eighteen hundred eighty-seven,
5 shall at the expiration of ten years from the date
6 thereof be deemed insufficient. The trustees may
7 in lieu of such bond insure at the expense of the
8 bank, with some fidelity or guarantee company,
9 which shall be satisfactory to the bank examiner,
10 for the faithful discharge of the duties of treasurer,
11 assistant treasurer and such other clerks as may be
12 employed, in such sums as they decide to be neces-
13 sary for the safety of the funds in the custody of
14 the corporation,' so that said section as amended
15 shall read as follows:

'SECT. 95. The trustees, immediately after their
17 election and qualification, shall elect one of their
18 number president, who shall also be president of
19 the corporation. They shall also elect a treasurer,
20 and when deemed nessary, a vice-president and an

21 assistant treasurer, to hold their offices during the
22 pleasure of the trustees. The treasurer, and in
23 his absence the assistant treasurer, if there is one,
24 shall be *ex-officio* clerk of the corporation, and of
25 the trustees. The treasurer and assistant treasur-
26 er shall give bonds to the corporation for the faith-
27 ful discharge of the duties of their offices, in such
28 sums as the trustees decide to be necessary for the
29 safety of the funds, and such bonds shall continue
30 and be valid from year to year so long as they are
31 elected and hold said offices, subject to renewal
32 whenever ordered by the trustees or examiner.
33 Said bonds shall be recorded upon the books of the
34 institutions, and the examiner shall annually exam-
35 ine the same and inquire into and certify to the
36 sufficiency thereof, and when he deems any such
37 bond insufficient, he shall order a new bond to be
38 given within a time by him specified. And all such
39 bonds executed after July 1st, eighteen hundred and
40 eighty-seven, shall at the expiration of ten years from
41 the date thereof be deemed insufficient. The trustees
42 may in lieu of such bond insure at the expense of
43 the bank with some fidelity or guarantee company,
44 which shall be satisfactory to the bank exam-
45 iner, for the faithful discharge of the duties of the
46 treasurer, assistant treasurer, and such other clerks

47 as may be employed, in such sums as they may
48 decide to be necessary for the safety of the funds
49 in the custody of the corporation. They shall
50 receive a compensation to be fixed by the trustees.
51 The trustees may receive such compensation for
52 their services in making examinations and returns
53 required by their by-laws and the State laws, as
54 may be fixed by the corporation at any legal meet-
55 ing thereof.'

SECT. 3. Sect. 100 of Chapter 47 of the Revised
2 Statutes, as amended by Chapter 277 of the Public
3 Laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-five is here-
4 by amended as follows: by adding after the word
5 "Missouri" in the eleventh line, the words 'Kansas
6 and Nebraska,' and by striking out in the twenty-
7 seventh and twenty-eighth lines, after the word
8 "city," the words "or town having not less than
9 forty-five hundred inhabitants," and by inserting in
10 place thereof the words, 'town or towns, any vil-
11 lage or other municipal corporation having not less
12 than twenty-five hundred inhabitants,' and by
13 striking out after the word "accept" in the forty-
14 third line of said section as amended, "Savings
15 Banks may invest in the car trust securities issued
16 by any railroad not in default on the interest upon
17 its first mortgage bonds, and any car trust securi-

18 ties guaranteed by a car trust or railroad equip-
19 ment company; *provided*, that such car trust or
20 equipment company has paid two dividends on
21 its capital stock," so that said section, as amend-
22 ed, shall read as follows:

'SECT. 100 Savings banks and institutions for
24 savings are restricted to and hereafter may invest
25 their deposits in the public funds of any of the
26 New England States, including bonds of the coun-
27 ties, cities and towns of the same; in the public
28 funds of the United States and District of Colum-
29 bia; in the stock of any bank or banking associa-
30 tion incorporated under authority of this State or
31 of the United States; in the municipal bonds of
32 cities of ten thousand inhabitants, or more, of the
33 States of New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland,
34 Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Wisconsin,
35 Minnesota, Iowa, Illinois, Missouri, Kansas and
36 Nebraska, and in the public funds of each of the
37 above-named States, and in the bonds of counties
38 in said States, having twenty thousand population,
39 when not issued in aid of railroads; *provided*, that
40 no investment shall be made in the bonds of any
41 cities or counties of the States above named, except
42 of the city of St. Louis, Missouri, where the municipi-
43 pal indebtedness of such city or county exceeds five

44 per cent of its valuation; in the first mortgage
45 bonds of any completed railroads of the States
46 above named, together with New Jersey, Kansas
47 and Nebraska, and in the first mortgage bonds of
48 the Central Pacific, Union Pacific and Northern
49 Pacific railroads, and in the railroad bonds of this
50 State; in the stock of any dividend-paying railroad
51 in New England; in the stocks of any railroad
52 company in this State unincumbered by mortgage;
53 in the first mortgage bonds of any water company
54 in this State actually engaged in supplying to any
55 city, town or towns, any village or other municipi-
56 pal corporation having not less than twenty-five
57 hundred inhabitants, water for domestic use and
58 for the extinguishment of fires; in the stock and
59 bonds of any other corporations incorporated under
60 authority of this State which earn and are paying
61 regular dividends of not less than five per cent a
62 year; and may invest by loan on first mort-
63 gages of real estate in this State and New
64 Hampshire, not exceeding sixty per cent of its
65 value; and may loan to any county, city or town
66 thereof; and on notes with a pledge as collateral of
67 any of the aforesaid securities, including savings
68 bank deposit books of any savings bank in the
69 State, and the stock of any said railroad companies,

70 not over seventy-five per cent of the market value
71 of such stock; and may loan to corporations, hav-
72 ing real estate and doing business in this State; and
73 may also loan on a pledge or mortgage of such
74 other personal property as, in the judgment of the
75 trustees, it is safe and for the interest of the bank
76 to accept. All investments shall be charged and
77 entered on the books of the bank at their cost to
78 the bank, or at par when a premium is paid.'

STATE OF MAINE.

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