

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

Sixty-Seventh Legislature.

SENATE.

No. 218.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED
AND NINETY-FIVE.

AN ACT to amend Section one hundred of Chapter forty-seven of the Revised Statutes relating to Investments in Savings Banks, as heretofore amended.

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

SECTION 1. Section 100 of chapter 47 of the Revised Statutes as amended by chapter 195 of the Public Laws of 1893, is hereby amended by striking out the whole of said section and inserting in place thereof the following:

‘Section 100. Savings banks and institutions for savings are restricted to and hereafter may invest their deposits in the public funds of any of the New England states, including bonds of the counties, cities and towns of the same; in the public funds of the United States and

10 District of Columbia; in the stock of any bank or bank-
11 ing association incorporated under authority of this state;
12 in the stock of any bank or banking association incorpor-
13 ated under the authority of the United States, if located
14 within the New England states; in the public funds of the
15 states of New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Ohio,
16 Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota,
17 Iowa, Illinois, Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska; in the
18 bonds issued for municipal purposes, which are a direct
19 obligation on all the taxable property, of any city of ten
20 thousand inhabitants or more, or of any county of twenty
21 thousand inhabitants or more, except when issued in aid
22 of railroads, in the above named states, and in the refund-
23 ing bonds of counties and cities otherwise complying with
24 the foregoing conditions, issued to take up at maturity
25 bonds which were legal and constitutional when issued on
26 which the interest has been fully paid, and for at least
27 five years last past prior to such refunding; in the bonds
28 and obligations of school district boards, boards of educa-
29 tion, and other corporate bodies authorized to issue bonds
30 within such cities, payable primarily from taxes levied on
31 all the taxable property in such district, provided that the
32 population of the district is ten thousand or more, and the
33 population and assessed valuation of the district are equal
34 to at least ninety per cent of the population and assessed
35 valuation of the city; provided that no investment shall be
36 made in the bonds of any counties, cities or districts of
37 the states above named except cities and districts having a
38 population of seventy-five thousand or more, where the net
39 municipal indebtedness of such county, city or district
40 exceeds five per cent of the last preceding valuation of the

41 property therein for the assessment of taxes. The
42 term net municipal indebtedness of counties as used in this
43 section shall be construed to include all bonds which are
44 a direct obligation of the county, less the amount of any
45 sinking fund available in the reduction of such debt. The
46 term net municipal indebtedness of cities and districts as
47 used in this section shall be construed to include in the
48 case of either not only all bonds which are a direct
49 obligation of the cities but also all bonds of the districts
50 or boards within the same as above enumerated, exclu-
51 sive of any such debt created for a water supply and of
52 the amount of any sinking fund available in the reduction
53 of such debt; in the first mortgage bonds of any com-
54 pleted railroads of the states above named, together with
55 New Jersey, and in the first mortgage bonds of the Cen-
56 tral Pacific, Union Pacific and Northern Pacific Railroads,
57 and in the railroad bonds of this state; in the stock of any
58 dividend paying railroad in New England; and in the
59 stock and mortgage bonds of any other railroad leased
60 to such dividend paying railroad, upon terms guaran-
61 teeing the payment of a regular stated dividend upon
62 the stock of such leased road and the interest on
63 its bonds; in the stocks of any railroad company
64 of this State, unincumbered by mortgage; but no
65 bonds of street railroads shall be purchased, unless an
66 amount of capital stock equal to fifty per cent of the
67 mortgage debt shall have been paid in, in cash, and
68 expended upon the road, in addition to the amount of the
69 bonded debt; in the mortgage bonds of any water com-
70 pany in this state and New Hampshire actually engaged
71 in supplying to any city or cities, town or towns, village

72 or villages, or other municipal corporations, water for
73 domestic use and for the extinguishment of fires, when-
74 ever such company is earning more than its fixed charges,
75 interest on its debts, and its running expenses; in the
76 stock and bonds of any other corporations incorporated
77 under authority of this state, which earn and are paying
78 regular dividends of not less than five per cent a year;
79 and may invest by loan on first mortgages of real estate
80 in this state and New Hampshire, not exceeding sixty per
81 cent of its value; and may loan to any county, city or
82 town in this state; and may loan on notes with a pledge
83 as collateral of any of the aforesaid securities, including
84 savings bank deposit books of any savings bank in the
85 state, and the stock of any of said railroad companies, not
86 over seventy-five per cent of the market value of such
87 stock; and may loan to corporations having real estate
88 and doing business in this state; and may also loan on a
89 pledge or mortgage of such other personal property as, in
90 the judgment of the trustees, it is safe and for the interest
91 of the bank to accept. The number of inhabitants of
92 cities and counties shall be determined by the last pre-
93 vious official census thereof, as established by the last
94 United States, or state census, or city or county census
95 taken in the same manner as United States or state census
96 and duly certified to by the clerk or treasurer of such city
97 or the auditor or treasurer of such county. All invest-
98 ments shall be charged and entered on the books of the
99 bank at their cost to the bank, or at par when a premium
100 is paid.'

SECT. 2. This act shall not apply to investments made
2 by savings banks before it goes into effect.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, March 12, 1895.

Reported by Mr. DAY, from Committee on Banks and Banking, and
laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary.*