

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 177

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND FIVE.

AN ACT additional to chapter forty-nine of the Revised Statutes, defining fraternal beneficiary associations doing business in eighteen hundred and eighty-nine.

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

Sect. 1. Chapter forty-nine of the Revised Statutes is
2 hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

‘Sect. 158. Fraternal beneficiary associations transacting
4 business in this State on the twenty-eighth day of February,
5 eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, as herein defined and
6 named in section one hundred forty-two of this chapter, shall
7 be construed to include those so transacting business through
8 their supreme bodies, or by a subordinate body, or by one
9 affiliated therewith or rendering allegiance thereto, or by an

10 organization embracing a portion of the territory of any such
11 association and at that time or subsequent thereto contribut-
12 ing to its funds, or by one using its ritualistic work and call-
13 ing its members by the same general name; and no change
14 since that time or hereafter, in the internal divisions or oper-
15 ations of any such association, or its relations with subordi-
16 nate bodies, shall deprive it of the power to so transact busi-
17 ness through its supreme body and subordinate and affiliated
18 divisions or agents.'

Sect. 2. All proceedings heretofore taken in accordance
2 with the foregoing construction of said section one hundred
3 forty-two are hereby confirmed and legalized.

Sect. 3. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Augusta, February 17, 1905.

Reported by Mr. WEATHERBEE from Committee on Legal Affairs
and ordered printed under joint rules.

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk*