

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 217

House of Representatives, Feb. 17, 1911.

Introduced by Mr. Farnham of Bath, who moved its reference to the Committee on Banks and Banking. By him tabled for printing pending reference to a committee.

C. C. HARVEY, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to regulate the investment of deposits in banks and
trust companies.

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

Section 1. On and after January first, nineteen hundred
2 and twelve, every trust company soliciting or receiving sav-
3 ings deposits which may be withdrawn only on presentation
4 of the pass-book or other similar form of receipt which per-
5 mits successive deposits or withdrawals to be entered there-
6 on; or which at the option of the trust company may be with-
7 drawn only at the expiration of a stated period after notice
8 of intention to withdraw has been given; or in any other
9 way which might lead the public to believe that such deposits
10 are received or invested in the same manner as deposits in

11 savings banks; or which advertises or holds itself out as
12 maintaining a savings department, or uses the term “sav-
13 ings” in connection with any part of its business, shall segre-
14 gate and set apart and at all times keep on hand so segre-
15 gated and set apart, assets at least equal to the aggregate
16 amount of such deposits; and all assets so segregated and
17 set apart shall be subject to the approval of the Bank Ex-
18 aminer.

Sect. 2. Such assets so segregated and set apart shall be
2 held for the security and payment of such deposits, and shall
3 not be mingled with the other assets of the company, or be
4 liable for the debts or other obligations thereof until after
5 such deposits shall have been paid in full. All other assets
6 of the company including the liability of the stockholders
7 shall be held equally and ratably for the payment of all
8 claims including any balance due such savings depositors
9 after applying to their payment the assets so segregated and
10 set apart.

Sect. 3. Such segregated assets shall be so held and re-
12 corded as to identify them as the assets held for the security
13 of such deposits. All notes, certificates of stock, bonds and
14 other securities representing such assets shall be plainly
15 stamped “Savings Department;” provided, however, that in
16 lieu thereof it shall be lawful to record in the investment
17 book a description of assets so held sufficient to identify
18 them.

Sect. 4. Such trust company may at any time require such

2 savings depositors to give a notice not exceeding ninety days
3 of their intention to withdraw the whole or any part of such
4 deposits.