## MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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## SEVENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

## HOUSE NO. 565

House of Representatives, Mar. 14, 1911.

Reported by Mr. Goodwin from committee on Judiciary and ordered printed under joint rules.

C. C. HARVEY, Clerk.

## STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to amend Chapter 113 of the Public Laws of 1909 in respect of Foreign Corporations.

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

Section 1. Section 3 of Chapter 113 of the Public Laws

- 2 of 1909 is hereby amended by striking out the words "the
- 3 fee hereinafter provided," in the second and third lines
- 4 thereof, and inserting in place thereof the words 'a fee of
- 5 ten dollars,' so that said Section 3 when amended shall read
- 6 as follows:
- 'Sect. 3. Every such foreign corporation, before transact-8 ing business in this state, shall, upon payment of a fee of 9 ten dollars, file with the secretary of state a copy of its 10 charter, articles or certificate of incorporation, certified un-11 der the seal of the state or country in which such corpora-

12 tion is incorporated by the secretary of state thereof or 13 by the officer having charge of the original record therein, 14 a true copy of its by-laws, and a certificate in such form 15 as the secretary of state may require, setting forth (a) the 16 name of the corporation; (b) the location of its principal 17 office; (c) the names and addresses of its president, treas-18 urer, clerk or secretary and of the members of its board of 10 directors; (d) the date of its annual meeting for the elec-20 tion of officers; (e) the amount of its capital stock au-21 thorized and issued, the number and par value of its shares, 22 and the amount paid in thereon to its treasurer. Said cer-23 tificate shall be subscribed and sworn to by its president, 24 treasurer or clerk. The officers and directors of such cor-25 poration shall be subject to the same penalties and liabilities 26 for false and fraudulent statements and returns as officers 27 and directors of a domestic corporation. Every officer of 28 such a corporation which fails to comply with the require-29 ments of this Section and of Sections one and six, and every 30 agent thereof who transacts business as such in this state 31 shall, for such failure, be liable to a fine of not more than 32 five hundred dollars. Such failure shall not affect the 33 validity of any contract with such corporation, but no action 34 shall be maintained or recovery had in any of the courts of 35 this state by any such foreign corporation so long as it fails 36 to comply with the requirements of said Sections.'

Sect. 2. Section 5 of said Chapter 113 is hereby amended 2 by striking out the words "the fee hereinafter provided"

3 in the third line thereof and inserting in place thereof the 4 words 'a fee of ten dollars,' and also by striking out the 5 words "the fee hereinafter provided" in the tenth line there-6 of and inserting in place thereof the words 'a fee of ten 7 dollars,' so that said Section 5 when amended shall read as 8 follows:

'Sect. 5. All such foreign corporations shall, within thirty days after the payment in of an increase of capital stock, it upon payment of a fee of ten dollars, file in the office of the secretary of state a certificate of the amount of such increase and the fact of such payment, signed and sworn to by its president, treasurer or clerk. Within thirty days after the vote of such corporation authorizing a reduction of its capital stock, a copy of such vote, signed and sworn to by the clerk of the corporation, shall, upon payment of a fee of ten dollars, be filed in the office of the secretary of state.'