

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**House Document**

**No. 85**

H. P. 331

House of Representatives, Feb. 9, 1927.

Referred to Committee on Banks and Banking and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Bishop of Boothbay Harbor.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE  
HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVEN

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AN ACT Relating to Bond Given by Presidents of Savings  
Banks.

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

Section nineteen of chapter one hundred forty-four of the  
2 public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-three is hereby  
3 amended by striking out the word "president" in the eighth  
4 line, the words "president" and "and" in the fourteenth line  
5 and the words "as to form" in the eighteenth line of said  
6 section and inserting after the word "employees" in the  
7 ninth line of said section the words 'designated by said  
8 trustees as' and inserting after the word "employee" in the  
9 sixteenth line the words 'handling or'; so that said section,  
10 as amended, shall read as follows :

'Sect. 19. The trustees, immediately after their election  
2 and qualification, shall elect one of their number president,  
3 who shall also be president of the corporation. They shall  
4 also elect a treasurer, and when deemed necessary, a vice-  
5 president and an assistant treasurer, to hold their offices  
6 during the pleasure of the trustees. The treasurer, and in  
7 his absence, the assistant treasurer, if there is one, shall be,  
8 ex-officio, clerk of the corporation, and of the trustees.  
9 The treasurer, assistant treasurer and all other officials and  
10 employees designated by said trustees as handling or having  
11 access to moneys or securities shall give bonds to the cor-  
12 poration, for the faithful discharge of the duties of their  
13 office, in such sums as the trustees decide to be necessary  
14 for the safety of the assets, and such bonds shall continue  
15 and be valid from year to year, so long as they act in such  
16 capacities, subject to renewal whenever ordered by the trus-  
17 tees or commissioner. Each treasurer shall be bonded for  
18 a sum not less than fifteen thousand dollars, each assistant  
19 treasurer, or other official or employee handling or having  
20 access to moneys or securities for not less than five thousand  
21 dollars. All bonds shall be approved by the bank commis-  
22 sioner and copies furnished the banking department by the  
23 clerks of the several banks. Said bonds shall be recorded  
24 upon the books of the institutions, and the commissioner  
25 shall annually examine the same and inquire into and certify  
26 to the sufficiency thereof, and when he deems any such bond  
27 insufficient, he shall order a new bond to be given within

28 a time by him specified. All such bonds shall, at the expira-  
29 tion of five years from the date thereof, be deemed insuffi-  
30 cient. All such bonds hereinafter given under the provisions  
31 of this section shall be executed by the principal and one  
32 or more surety companies authorized to transact business  
33 in this state, and bonds with personal sureties shall no longer  
34 be regarded as complying with the provisions hereof. The  
35 trustees may, in lieu of such bonds, insure at the expense of  
36 the bank with some surety company which shall be satis-  
37 factory to the bank commissioner for the faithful perform-  
38 ance of the duties of such officials and employees as are  
39 required by this section to be bonded, in such sums as they  
40 shall decide to be necessary for the safety of the assets in  
41 the custody of the corporation, but in no event less than  
42 twenty-five thousand dollars; subject, however, to the same  
43 right of the bank commissioner, as above provided, to re-  
44 quire a new bond if at any time he shall deem the one pro-  
45 vided by the corporation to be insufficient and unsatisfactory  
46 in amount or form. The treasurer, assistant treasurer and  
47 clerks shall receive a compensation fixed by the trustees.  
48 The trustees may receive such compensation for their serv-  
49 ices in making examinations and returns required by their  
50 by-laws and the state laws, for making examinations of  
51 property and for attendance at any regular or special meet-  
52 ings of the board of trustees or any committee thereof as  
53 may be fixed by the corporation at any legal meeting thereof,

54 or as may be fixed by the board of trustees and approved by  
55 the bank commissioner in writing.'