

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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OF THE

**S T A T E O F M A I N E ;**

TO WHICH ARE PREFIXED

THE

**C O N S T I T U T I O N O F T H E U . S T A T E S**

AND OF SAID STATE,

IN TWO VOLUMES,

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Mode of alienation by such.

estate by such deacons, elders, trustees, stewards, or presiding officers shall be valid any longer than during the alienors continuing in office: *Provided however,* That such deacons, elders, trustees, stewards, or presiding officers, may with the assent of the church or society alienate in fee any estate acquired by them or by such church or society by purchase; and no minister, deacons, elders, trustees, stewards or other presiding officers shall be deemed capable of taking any estate granted as aforesaid, so long as the clear annual income of any prior grants to such minister, deacons, elders, trustees, stewards, or presiding officers or their predecessors, or to the church, shall be and remain equal to the sum of three thousand dollars.

Limitation as to amount of estate.

SEC. 11. *Be it further enacted,* That all laws now in force in this State inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, be and they are hereby repealed.

[Approved March 13, 1821.]

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CHAPTER CXXXVI.

An Act for recording Births and Deaths by the Clerks of towns.

Town clerk to record births and deaths.

SEC. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled,* That it shall be the duty of every town Clerk within this State, to record all births and deaths which shall happen within his town and come to his knowledge, together with the time of such birth or death, and the names of his or her parents, if known, for the fees allowed by law, to be paid by his town.

Parents to give him notice of births and deaths,

also each householder.

Each master of alms house or ship or vessel.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That it shall be the duty of parents to give notice to the Clerk of the town in which they dwell, of all the births and deaths of their children; and it shall be the duty of every householder to give notice of every birth and death which may happen in his house; and of the eldest person next of kin to give such notice of the death of his kindred; and it shall be the duty of the master or keeper of any almshouse, workhouse or prison; and of the master or commander of any ship or vessel, to give notice of every birth and death which may happen in the house or vessel under his care or charge, to the Clerk

of the town in which such event shall happen; and in case any person whose duty it shall be by virtue of this Act, to give notice as aforesaid, shall neglect to perform the same for the space of six months after the birth or death shall happen, the person so neglecting shall pay a fine of one dollar, to be recovered with costs of suit, on complaint before any Justice of the Peace for the same county, to the use of any inhabitant of the same town who shall prosecute for the same.

Penalty for neglect.

[Approved February 28, 1821.]

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CHAPTER CXXXVII.

An Act defining the general powers and duties of Manufacturing Corporations.

SEC. 1. **BE** it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled, That all corporations which may hereafter be established within this State, for the purpose of carrying on any kind of manufacture, or manufactures, shall have power from time to time, to choose a Clerk, who shall be sworn by a Justice of the Peace to the faithful discharge of his duty, and who shall record all votes of the corporation in a book, to be by him kept for that purpose; a Treasurer, who shall give bonds in such manner and in such sum as any such corporation shall direct, and such other directors, agents and factors, as shall be thought necessary and convenient for their regular government and to carry into effect the several objects for which any such corporation may be established; and to make and establish any rules and bye-laws for the regulation and government of said corporations, with reasonable penalties for the breach thereof, not exceeding the sum of twenty dollars, and the same at their pleasure to repeal and annul: *Provided*, That such rules and bye-laws shall not be repugnant to the Constitution and laws of this State.

Manufacturing corporations may choose officers, &c.

and make bye-laws.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That a majority of the persons named in any Act of incorporation may call the first meeting of the corporation, by giving notice of the time and place of meeting, in some public newspaper printed in the county where the manufactory shall be established, at least

How first meetings may be called.