

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

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PUBLIC LAWS

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**Chapter 155.**

An act in relation to bills in equity.

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

Administrators, &c., may become parties in bills of equity in certain cases.

In all bills in equity now pending, or which may be hereafter pending in the supreme judicial court, wherein either the complainants or respondents may die, during the pendency thereof, the administrators, executors or heirs at law of the said deceased parties, as the case may require, may voluntarily or upon citation from the court become party or parties to said bill, where otherwise a bill of revivor would be necessary.

[Approved June 14, 1850.]

**Chapter 156.**

An act giving additional powers to cities.

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

Police officers authorized to act as constables in certain cases.

SECT. 1. All police officers, duly appointed in any city within this state, shall have, and may exercise, all the powers which may be legally exercised by constables, in criminal matters, in serving warrants; in the arrest of persons charged with, or suspected of an offense against the laws of the state, or the by-laws of such city, and all other matters of like description, within the powers of a constable to execute and perform.

Cities authorized to establish police regulations.

SECT. 2. Any city in this state may ordain and establish any and all such police regulations as the municipal government of such city may deem necessary and expedient for the prevention of crime, the protection of property, and the preservation of order, in said city, *provided* the same shall not be inconsistent with existing laws.

Vehicles, regulations of.

SECT. 3. Any city in this state shall have power to ordain and establish, from time to time, all such rules and orders as the municipal government of such city may deem necessary and expedient, for the due regulation, in such city, of omnibuses, stages, hackney-coaches, wagons, carts, drays, hand-carts and all other vehicles whatever, used and employed, wholly or in part in said city, whether by establishing their rates of fare, prescribing their routes and places of standing, or in any other manner whatever, and whether such vehicles are

used for business or pleasure, for the conveyance of passengers CHAP. 157.  
or freight, and whether by horse power or otherwise.

SECT. 4. Such city may annex penalties for the breach of any of the ordinances, rules and orders, provided for in this and the preceding sections, not to exceed twenty dollars for any one offense, which penalties may be recovered, for the use of said city, by complaint before the municipal court of said city, or any justice of the peace where no such court is established: *provided*, that nothing contained in this act shall be construed to abridge or impair the rights of cities to make such by-laws and regulations touching the subjects herein provided for, as they may now make, by virtue of existing laws: *and provided* also, that no such rule or order shall take effect or go into operation, until the same shall have been published at least one week in some newspaper printed in said city.

Penalties,  
amount of and  
how recovered.

Proviso.

[Approved June 15, 1850.]

### Chapter 157.

An act modifying and amending chapter one hundred and nine of the statutes of the year eighteen hundred and forty-four.

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

SECT. 1. The act entitled "an act in relation to manufacturing corporations," passed March twenty-first, eighteen hundred and forty-four, is hereby modified and amended by adding after the word "undivided" in the second clause of section third of said act, the words following, "and of their other property and assets;" so that said second clause of section third of said act shall read as follows: and they are also prohibited from contracting debts to such an extent, that the indebtedness of such corporation shall at any one time exceed one-half of the amount of their capital stock paid in, and remaining undivided, and of their other property and assets.

Corporations prohibited from contracting debts beyond a certain amount.

SECT. 2. Nothing contained in the charter of any manufacturing corporation in this state shall prevent such corporation having the benefit of this amendment, upon compliance with the provisions of said section third of the act aforesaid as hereby modified and amended.

Benefit of this act not prohibited by charter provisions.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect from and after its approval by the governor.

[Approved June 19, 1850.]