

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

1855.

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PUBLIC LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1855.

An act relating to corporations.

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

Officers to hold over, if corporation fail to hold annual meetings.

SECT. 1. In all cases where any corporation within this state has heretofore failed, or shall hereafter fail, to hold its annual meeting for the election of officers upon the day fixed by any statute, or by law of such corporation, the officers of the preceding year shall hold over and exercise all the duties appertaining to their several offices, and such corporations shall be bound by their acts and proceedings, in the same manner as if they had been re-elected for such year, and until other officers are duly chosen in their stead: *provided, however,* that if such corporation has elected its officers at any meeting of which proper notice had been given, upon any other day than that named in the statute or by-law of the corporation for the holding of its annual meeting, such meeting shall be valid, and any officers who have been so elected, or shall hereafter be so elected, shall hold the offices to which they have been or may be so chosen, and exercise the duties thereof in the same manner as if they were legally chosen, unless a majority of the members of such corporation shall file with the clerk or secretary thereof, written objections thereto, within six months from the time they were so elected, and such corporations shall be bound by all the acts and doings of the officers chosen at any meeting holden as aforesaid, until other officers shall be duly chosen in their stead.

Proviso.

New meetings may be called and officers chosen.

SECT. 2. If a majority of the members of any corporation shall file with the clerk or secretary thereof, written objections to any such election of officers, within six months from the time of their election as aforesaid, it shall thereupon be the duty of such clerk or secretary to call a new meeting of such corporation at such time and place as he may appoint, and he shall give the same notice as is required for the annual meeting of such corporation, and shall state in such notice the fact of such objection having been made and the purpose for which such new meeting is called, and when such new meeting shall have been held and officers elected thereat, such new officers shall hold the offices to which they may have been elected, and exercise all the duties thereof, until the next annual meeting, and until other officers are chosen in their stead.

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

[Approved March 16, 1855.]