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# ACTS AND RESOLVES

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OF THE

## STATE OF MAINE.

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eighteen hundred sixty-nine; *provided* said banking corporations shall, upon demand, pay or tender payment of their bills, checks or drafts, in lawful money of the United States. CHAP. 140.  
Proviso.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved February 3, 1868.

### Chapter 140.

An act additional to chapter fifty-three of the revised statutes of this state, relating to telegraph companies.

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

SECT. 1. Whenever it shall be necessary to cut or otherwise disconnect the wires of any telegraph company, or to remove them from the poles or fixtures to which they are attached, in order to move a building across the same, or for any other purpose, any person desiring so to cut, disconnect, or remove such wires, shall have the right so to do, exercising reasonable care therein; *provided* that before doing so, he shall make a statement in writing, by him signed, of the time when, and the particular place where, by reference to the crossings of the streets or highways, he wishes to cut, disconnect, or remove such wires as aforesaid, and leave the same at the office of such company, if any there is, in the town where such place is situated, twenty-four hours before the time so stated; and if such company has no office in the same town, then he shall send such statement by mail to the office of such company nearest to the place named therein, by putting it into the post-office, properly directed and stamped, three days before the time stated therein.

Authority to out or disconnect telegraph wires when necessary for removal of buildings or other purposes, granted.

—prior notice to be given to the telegraph company.

SECT. 2. Whoever shall wilfully cut, disconnect, remove, or otherwise interrupt the use of any telegraph wires, without first giving notice as provided in the first section of this act, shall be punished as provided in section two of the one hundred and twenty-seventh chapter of the revised statutes of this state.

Penalty for removing without prior notice.

SECT. 3. It shall be the duty of every person, or company, using or owning any line of telegraph, wholly or partly in this state, to transmit all dispatches in the order in which they are received, under the penalty of one hundred dollars, to be recovered with costs of suit, by the person whose dispatch is wilfully postponed out of its order as herein prescribed.

Messages to be transmitted in the order of reception.  
—penalty for violation.

SECT. 4. Any clerk, operator, messenger, or other agent of any telegraph company, doing business in this state, who shall wilfully divulge the contents, or the nature of the contents of any private communication entrusted to him for transmission or delivery, shall

Penalty for divulging contents of messages.

**CHAP. 141.** be punished by imprisonment in the county jail not more than three months, or by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars.

SECT. 5. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved February 5, 1868.

### Chapter 141.

An act relating to the organization of corporations.

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

Corporations heretofore chartered, made equally valid.

SECT. 1. The organization of all corporations now existing in this state, made in accordance with the provisions of either chapter forty-six or chapter forty-eight of the revised statutes, shall be equally valid.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved February 5, 1868.

### Chapter 142.

An act to provide for the security of the sinking fund and the cancelling of coupons and treasury warrants.

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

State treasurer to stamp bonds of the sinking fund.

The state treasurer shall cause to be stamped or printed, in large type, upon the face of any bonds of this state he has or may purchase for any sinking fund, and likewise across the coupons attached thereto, the words 'Sinking Fund of the State of Maine.' The said treasurer shall also cause each coupon paid by him to be punched or perforated by a small hole. He shall also cause to be stamped upon each treasury warrant the word 'Paid,' with the date of payment added thereto.

—also cancel coupons and warrants by stampings, &c.

Approved February 6, 1868.

### Chapter 143.

An act to repeal chapter one hundred and twenty-nine of the public laws of eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, entitled "an act to provide for a state police in certain cases."

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

Public Laws of 1867, chap. 129, repealed.

SECT. 1. Chapter one hundred and twenty-nine of the public laws of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, entitled "an