

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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OF THE  
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OF THE  
STATE OF MAINE.  
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## CHAP. 132.

## Chapter 132.

An Act to amend section twelve, of chapter one hundred and thirty-five of the Revised Statutes, relating to placing Convicts at Labor.

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

Sec. 12, ch. 1135,  
R. S., amended.

Section twelve of chapter one hundred and thirty-five of the revised statutes, is hereby amended by adding thereto the following words, to wit: 'and all convicts so committed may be placed at labor in the same manner as provided for persons sentenced to imprisonment and labor,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

Convict unable  
to pay fine or  
costs, how lib-  
erated.

'SECT. 12. Any convict, sentenced to pay a fine or costs, and committed for default thereof and for no other cause, who is unable to pay the same, may be liberated by the sheriff, after thirty days from his commitment, by giving his note for the amount due, to the treasurer of the same county, accompanied by a written schedule of all his property of every kind, signed and sworn to before the sheriff, jailor or any justice of the peace or trial justice, and the sheriff shall deliver the same to said treasurer, for the use of the county, within thirty days; and all convicts so committed may be placed at labor in the same manner as provided for persons sentenced to imprisonment and labor.'

Convicts may  
be placed at  
hard labor.

Approved February 27, 1879.

## Chapter 133.

An Act to amend chapter forty-eight of the Revised Statutes relative to Corporations under the General Law.

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

Sec. 18, ch. 48,  
R. S., amended.

Section eighteen of chapter forty-eight of the revised statutes, is hereby amended by striking out the word "two" where it occurs in the eleventh line, and insert in place thereof, the word 'one;' also to amend section nineteen of said chapter by striking out the word "five" where it occurs in the last line, and insert in place thereof the word "one," so that said sections as amended, shall read as follows:

Three or more  
persons may  
form stock  
company.

'SECT. 18. Three or more persons may associate themselves together by written articles of agreement, for the purpose of carrying on any manufacturing, mechanical, mining or quarrying business. Their first meeting shall be called by one or more of the signers of said articles, by giving notice thereof, stating the time, place and purposes of the meeting, to each signer, in writing, or

First meeting  
how called.

by publishing it in some newspaper printed in the county, at least fourteen days prior to the time appointed therefor. At such meeting they may organize into a corporation, adopt a corporate name, define the purposes of the corporation, fix the amount of the capital stock, which shall not be less than one thousand dollars, nor more than two hundred thousand, divide it into shares, and elect a president, not less than three directors, a secretary, treasurer and any other necessary officers, and adopt a code of by-laws.

'SECT. 19. Before commencing business, the president, treasurer and a majority of the directors shall prepare a certificate, setting forth the name and purposes of the corporation, the amount of capital stock, the amount already paid in, the par value of the shares, the names and residences of the owners, the name of the county where located, and the number and names of the directors, and shall sign and make oath to it; and after it has been examined by the attorney general, and by him certified to be properly drawn and signed and conformable to the constitution and laws, it shall be recorded in the registry of deeds in the county where the business is to be done, in a book kept for that purpose, and a copy thereof certified by such register, shall be filed in the Secretary of State's office, and he shall enter the date of filing thereon, and on the original certificate to be kept by the corporation, and shall record said copy in a book kept for that purpose. And said corporation shall pay the attorney general and secretary of State one dollar each, for their services, in advance.'

Approved February 28, 1879.

#### CHAP. 134.

Proceedings at first meeting.

Capital stock.

Shares.

Officers.

By-laws.

Before commencing business, certificate to be prepared by president, treasurer and majority of directors.

What it must set forth.

To be signed and sworn to. Certified to by Attorney General.

Recorded in registry of deeds.

Copy certified by register to be filed in secretary of state's office.

Secretary's duty.

Attorney general's and secretary's fees.

### Chapter 134.

An Act to amend chapter fifty-one section eighty of the Revised Statutes, relating to voting on the question of loaning Money.

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

Section eighty, chapter fifty-one of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding to said section the following words: 'At such meetings, the legal voters shall vote by ballot, those in favor of the proposition, voting Yes, and those opposed, voting No. The ballots cast shall be sorted, counted and declared in open town meeting, and recorded, and the clerk shall make return thereof to the municipal officers, who shall examine such returns, and if two-thirds of the ballots cast are in favor of the proposition, said officers shall forthwith proceed to carry the same into effect, so that said section as amended will read:

Sec. 80, ch. 51, R. S. amended.