

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

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PUBLIC LAWS
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Chapter 194.

An Act to amend an act entitled "An Act to extirpate Contagious Diseases among Cattle."

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

SECT. 1. Section one of chapter one hundred and seventy-seven of public laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, is hereby amended by striking out the words "and other live stock" in the fourth line, and inserting instead the words 'horses and sheep,' so that said section as amended, shall read as follows :

Sec. 1, ch. 177,
Pub. Laws, 1889,
amended.

SECT. 1. That for the purpose of facilitating and encouraging the live stock interests of Maine, and for extirpating all insidious, infectious and contagious diseases, now or that may be among cattle, horses and sheep, and especially tuberculosis, the governor of the state is hereby authorized and required, immediately after the passage of this act, to appoint a board of cattle commissioners consisting of three persons of known executive ability, who shall be charged with the execution of the provisions of this act, and who shall be known and designated as the State of Maine Cattle Commission, and whose powers and duties shall be those provided for in this act, and whose tenure of office shall be at the option of the governor. The compensation of said commissioners shall be at the rate of three dollars per day during the time they are actually engaged in the discharge of their duties as commissioners. The said commissioners shall respectively take an oath to faithfully perform the duties of their office, and shall immediately organize as such commission by the election of one of their number as president thereof, and proceed forthwith to the discharge of the duties devolved upon them by the provisions of this act.'

Purposes.

--board of cattle
commissioners,
appointment of.

--title.

--tenure of
office.

--compensation
of.

--oath.

--organization.

SECT. 2. Section two of said act is hereby amended by striking out the word "two" in the twenty-ninth line and inserting instead thereof the word 'one ;' and by striking out the words "one hundred" in the thirtieth and thirty-first lines and inserting instead thereof the word 'fifty ;' also by striking out the word "one" in the thirty-sixth line, and inserting instead thereof the word 'three ;' also by inserting after the word "disease" in the thirty-seventh line the words 'and the owner or owners shall furnish satisfactory evidence as to the

Sec. 2,
amended.

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time such animal or animals shall have been owned in the state,' so that said section two as amended, shall read as follows :

Powers and
duties.

‘SECT. 2. That it shall be the duties of the said commissioners to cause investigation to be made as to the existence of tuberculosis, pleuro-pneumonia, foot and mouth disease, and any other infectious or contagious diseases. And such commissioners or their duly constituted agent are hereby authorized to enter any premises or places, including stock yards, cars and vessels, within any county or part of the state in or at which they have reason to believe there exists any such diseases, and to make search, investigation and inquiry, in regard to the existence thereof. Upon the discovery of the existence of any of the said diseases, the said commissioners are hereby authorized to give notice, by publication, of the existence of such disease, and the locality thereof, in such newspapers as they may select, and to notify in writing, the officials or agents of any railroad, steamboat, or other transportation company doing business in or through such infected locality, of the existence of such disease; and are hereby authorized and required to establish and maintain such quarantine of animals, places, premises or localities, as they may deem necessary to prevent the spread of any such disease, and also to cause the appraisal of the animal or animals affected with the said disease, in accordance with such rules and regulations by them, as hereinafter authorized and provided, and also to cause the same to be destroyed, and to pay the owner or owners thereof one-half of their value, as determined upon the basis of health before infection, out of any moneys appropriated by the legislature for that purpose; provided, however, that no appraised value shall be more than one hundred dollars for an animal with pedigree recorded or recordable in the recognized herd books of the breed in which the animal destroyed may belong, nor more than fifty dollars for an animal which has no recordable pedigree; provided further, that in no case shall compensation be allowed for an animal destroyed under the provisions of this act, which may have contracted or been exposed to such disease in a foreign country, or on the high seas, or that may have been brought into this state within three years previous to such animal's showing evidence of such disease; and the owner or owners shall furnish satis-

factory evidence as to the time such animal or animals shall have been owned in the state; nor shall compensation be allowed to any owner who in person, or by agent, knowingly and willfully conceals the existence of such disease, or the fact of exposure thereto in animals of which the person making such concealment by himself or agent, is in whole or part owner.'

Approved March 10, 1893.

Chapter 195.

An Act to amend section one hundred of chapter forty-seven of the Revised Statutes, relating to Savings Bank Investments, as heretofore amended.

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

SECT. 1. Section one hundred, chapter forty-seven, of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter one hundred and forty-two of the public laws of eighteen hundred eighty-seven, and by chapter fifty-six of the public laws of eighteen hundred ninety-one is hereby amended by inserting after the words "New England," in the twenty-fourth line thereof the words "and in the stock and mortgage bonds of any other railroad leased to such dividend paying railroad upon terms guaranteeing the payment of a regular stated dividend upon the stock of such leased road and the interest on its bonds." Also by inserting after the word "state" and before the word "actually," in the twenty-sixth line thereof, the words "and New Hampshire;" also by inserting after the words "accept" and before the last clause in said section, the words "the term, municipal indebtedness of any city, as used in this section shall be construed to be its debts evidenced by bonds, contracts or obligations liable to be met by tax levies, exclusive of any such debt created for a water supply and of the amount of any sinking fund available in reduction of any of its debt; but including all bonds, contracts, and obligations of street improvement boards, school district boards, or boards of education, or other corporate bodies authorized to contract debts and issue bonds to be met by taxation within such cities; and the bonds or obligations of such street improvement boards, school district boards or boards of

Sec. 100, ch. 47,
R. S., further
amended.

—investments of
savings banks.