

ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

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OF THE

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SECT. 2. Section eight of said chapter shall be amended, so as to read as follows:

'SECT. 8. No corporation doing business as a life insur- shall not issue ance company under this act shall issue a certificate or policy upon the life of any person more than sixty years of age, and years of age. every call for payments by the policy or certificate holders shall distinctly state the purpose of the same, whether for mortuary or indemnity claims or for expenses, and the proceeds of mortuary or indemnity calls, less a commission actually paid for collecting the same not exceeding three per cent thereof, shall be used for payment of claims under policy contracts, for investigating and contesting policy claims believed to be fraudulent, and for deposit with the treasurer of state on reserve fund and for no other purpose.'

Nothing in this act shall in any way conflict Act shall not SECT. 3. with special provisions of the charters of companies heretofore charters heretogranted.

Approved March 16, 1893.

Chapter 215.

An Act to amend Chapter two hundred and thirty-seven of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred eighty-nine, relating to Life and Casualty Insurance on the Assessment Plan.

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

That section two of chapter two hundred thirty-Sec. 2, ch. 237, Pub. Laws, 1889, SECT. 1. seven of the public laws of eighteen hundred eighty-nine, amended. entitled "An Act relating to Life and Casualty Insurance on the assessment plan,' be amended, so as to read as follows :

Seven or more persons, citizens of this state, How seven or 'SECT. 2. may form a corporation to carry on the business of life or casualty insurance or both, on the assessment plan. Such corporations shall be organized, and the proceedings there- ance on assessunder shall conform to sections one, two and three of chapter fifty-five of the revised statutes; but no such corporation shall begin to do business until at least five hundred persons have subscribed, in writing, to be insured therein, and have each paid in one full mortuary or disability assessment, which shall be deposited in the state treasury on emergency or reserve fund account, to be held in trust for the benefit of the

policy to any person more than sixty

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—organizations shall not be valid more than one year, unless business is begun.

beneficiaries as provided in section six of this act, nor until said corporation has filed with the insurance commissioner a certified copy of the record of its organization and by-laws, which has been approved by him; nor until the insurance commissioner has certified that it has complied with the provisions of this act and is authorized to transact business. No organization under the provisions of this act shall continue valid more than one year unless the organization has been completed and business begun thereunder.'

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

Approved March 16, 1893.

Chapter 216.

An Act to Abolish School Districts and to provide for more Efficient Supervision of Public Schools.

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

SECT. 1. The school districts in all towns in this state are hereby abolished. Provided, however, that school districts organized with special powers by act of the legislature, may retain such organization and special powers; but said districts shall annually, on or before the first day of June, by their agents, trustees or directors, submit to the school committees of their several towns estimates of the amounts required for the maintenance of the schools therein, other than free high schools, for the ensuing school year, and shall be entitled to such portion of the common school funds of the town as said committees shall determine, which sum shall not be less than is necessary for the maintenance of their schools for a period equal to that of the other schools of the town.

SECT. 2. Immediately after this act shall have become a law, towns shall take possession of all school houses, lands, apparatus and other property owned and used by the school districts hereby abolished, which districts may lawfully sell and convey. The property so taken shall forthwith be appraised by the assessors of said towns, and at the first annual assessment thereafter a tax shall be levied upon the whole town, or such part thereof as is included within the districts abolished, equal to the whole of said appraisal, and

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