

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

SIXTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1895.

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PUBLIC LAWS
OF THE
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Chapter 111.

An Act to amend section three of chapter two hundred and forty-two of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-three, relating to Free Public Libraries.

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

Section three of chapter two hundred and forty-two of the public laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-three is hereby amended by inserting after the word "dollars" in the third line, the words 'and in cities or towns having more than ten thousand inhabitants, a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows :

Sec. 3, ch. 242,
Public Laws
of 1893,
amended.

‘SECT. 3. Any town or city in which there is a library owned or controlled by a corporation or association, may appropriate a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars, and in cities or towns having more than ten thousand inhabitants, a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars yearly, to procure from such library the free use of its books for all the inhabitants of the town or city, under such restrictions and regulations as shall insure the safety and good usage of the books, and such library may then be considered a free public library, and said town or city shall be entitled to the benefits of the preceding section, provided, that any books and documents purchased with said state stipend, and all books and documents donated by the state, shall be and remain the property of said municipality.’

Free library
maintained by
an association
expending
\$500 annually,
shall be
deemed a free
public library,
and receive
state stipend.

Approved March 20, 1895.

Chapter 112.

An Act relating to Fraternal Beneficiary and Assessment Corporations.

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

SECT. 1. The insurance commissioner, in person or by deputy, shall have the power of visitation and examination into the affairs of any domestic corporation subject to the provisions of chapter two hundred and thirty-four of the public laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, as amended, that are conferred upon him by chapter forty-nine of the revised statutes, provided, that he shall not be required to make peri-

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When, and how, such companies may be closed.

odical examinations. Whenever upon examination the commissioner is satisfied that such corporation is not paying the maximum amount named in its policies or certificates in full, or is in such condition as to render further proceedings hazardous to the public or its policy holders; or whenever any domestic corporation subject to the provisions of chapters two hundred and thirty-four and two hundred and thirty-seven of the public laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-nine and acts amendatory thereof, shall after an existence of one year or more, have a membership of less than three hundred, the insurance commissioner may present the facts in relation to the same to any justice of the supreme judicial court; the said justice shall thereupon notify the officers of such corporation of a hearing and unless it shall then appear that some special and good reason exists why the corporation should not be closed, some person shall be appointed receiver of such corporation, and shall proceed at once to take possession of the books, papers, moneys, and other assets of the corporation, and shall forthwith, under the direction of the court, proceed to close the affairs of such corporation and to distribute to those entitled thereto its funds. For this service the receiver may be allowed out of any funds in possession of the corporation or which may come therefrom into his hands, such sum as the court may determine to be reasonable and just. When the affairs of the corporation shall be finally closed, the court may decree a dissolution of the same.

Services of receiver, how paid.

Corporation shall not do business until it has five hundred applications for membership.

SECT. 2. Hereafter no corporation organized under the provisions of chapter two hundred and thirty-four of the public laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, shall commence to do business or issue any certificate until it has presented to the insurance commissioner and received his certification that it has obtained not less than five hundred bona fide applications for membership.

Provisions shall not apply to certain employes.

SECT. 3. The foregoing provisions shall not apply to any corporation which confines its membership to the employes of towns, cities, or of the state, or of a designated firm, business house or corporation.