

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

SEVENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1903.

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PUBLIC LAWS

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Chapter 161.

An Act relating to bonds to be given by Treasurers of towns and plantations.

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

Section 1. The treasurer of each and every town and plantation, shall, before entering upon the discharge of his official duties, give bond to the inhabitants of his town or plantation, with good and sufficient sureties and for such sum as shall be designated by the municipal officers of his town or plantation, not exceeding, however, twice the amount of the taxes to be collected during the year for which he is treasurer, conditioned for the faithful discharge of all the duties and obligations of his office. If such bond is not furnished and delivered to the municipal officers, within ten days after written demand by the municipal officers on the treasurer therefor, the office of treasurer shall be deemed vacant, and the town or plantation, at any meeting of its inhabitants legally called, may elect a treasurer to fill the vacancy, or the municipal officers may fill the vacancy by written appointment which shall be recorded by the town or plantation clerk in the town or plantation records. The municipal officers shall be the sole judges of the sufficiency of such bond and sureties. Such bond, after its approval and acceptance by the municipal officers, shall be recorded by the town or plantation clerk, and such record shall be prima facie evidence of the contents of such bond, but a failure to so record shall be no defence in any action upon such bond. The municipal officers, however, in their discretion, may accept any surety company authorized to do business in the state, as surety on such bond, and dispense with any further surety or sureties thereon. Any town or plantation may lawfully vote, at its annual meeting, to raise money to be expended by its treasurer, under the direction of the municipal officers, for the purpose of purchasing from any surety company authorized to do business as aforesaid, the bond required by this section.

Treasurer shall give bond before entering on official duties.

—amount of bond.

—office of treasurer vacant if bond is not filed within ten days after written demand.

—vacancy, how filled.

—approval of bond.

—bond shall be recorded.

—municipal officers may accept bond of a surety company.

Town may raise money to pay surety company for treasurer's bond.

Section 2. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act, are hereby repealed.

Act shall take effect June 1, 1903.

Section 3. This act shall take effect on the first day of June, nineteen hundred and three.