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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

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OF THE

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—restrictions.

mission of the municipal officers thereof and under such reasonable restrictions as they may impose and subject to the general laws of the state regulating the erection of poles and wires for electrical purposes.

Capital stock.

Section 3. The capital stock of said company shall not exceed fifty thousand dollars, divided into shares of the par value of one hundred dollars each.

May issue bonds.

Section 4. Said company is hereby authorized to issue its bonds for the construction of its works upon such rates and terms as it may deem expedient, and secure the same by mortgage of the franchise and property of said company. But the amount of said bonds so issued shall not exceed fifty thousand dollars in all, and shall not exceed the amount of capital stock subscribed for.

—may mortgage property.

—proviso.

First meeting, how called.

Section 5. The first meeting of said company may be called by written notice thereof, signed by any incorporator herein named, serving upon each incorporator by a copy of the same in hand or mailed, postage paid, at least seven days prior to the day named therein for such meeting.

Shall organize and commence construction within two years.

Section 6. This act shall become null and void in two years from the time when the same takes effect, unless the corporation shall have organized and commenced the construction of its works under this charter.

Section 7. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 4, 1903.

Chapter 123.

An Act to incorporate the Merrill Trust Company.

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

Corporators.

Section 1. Edgerton R. Burpee, Horace C. Chapman, Milton S. Clifford, Henry F. Dowst, William Engel, Edwin G. Merrill, Henry Prentiss, Wilson D. Wing and Frederick H. Appleton, or such of them as may by vote accept this charter, with their associates, successors and assigns, are hereby made a body corporate and politic, to be known as the Merrill Trust Company, and as such shall be possessed of all the powers, privileges and immunities, and subject to all the duties and obligations conferred on corporations by law.

—corporate name.

Location.

Section 2. The corporation hereby created shall be located at Bangor, Penobscot county, Maine.

Purposes.

Section 3. The purposes of said corporation and the business which it may perform, are; first, to receive on deposit money,

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coin, bank notes, evidences of debt, accounts of individuals, companies, corporations, municipalities and states, allowing interest thereon, if agreed, or as the by-laws of said corporation may provide; second, to borrow money, to loan money on credits or real estate, or personal or collateral security, and to negotiate loans and sales for others; third, to purchase, erect, own, maintain and operate safe deposit vaults with boxes, safes and other facilities therein to be rented to other parties for the safe keeping of moneys, securities, stocks, jewelry, plate, valuable papers and documents, and other property susceptible of being deposited therein, and to receive on deposit for safe keeping property of any kind entrusted to it for that purpose; fourth, to hold and enjoy all such estate real, personal and mixed as may be obtained by the investment of its capital stock or any other moneys and funds that may come into its possession in the course of its business and dealings, and the same sell, grant and dispose of; fifth, to act as agent for issuing, registering and countersigning certificates, bonds, stocks and all evidences of debt or ownership in property; sixth, to hold by grant, assignment, transfer, devise or bequest any real or personal property or trusts duly created, and to execute trusts of every description; seventh, to act as executor, administrator, guardian, receiver or assignee with the same powers and duties as are imposed by law upon natural persons acting in the same capacities, and subject to the same control of the court having jurisdiction of the same in all proceedings relating to the exercise of these powers; all papers may be signed and sworn to by any officer designated by the corporation for that purpose, and the officers shall be subject to citation and examination in the same manner and to the same extent as natural persons acting in the same capacities. No sureties shall be required upon the bond of the corporation when acting in said capacities unless the court or officer approving said bond shall require it; eighth, to hold for safe keeping all kinds of personal or mixed property, and to act as agents for the owners thereof, and of real estate for the collection of income on the same and for the management and sale of the same; ninth, to do in general all the business that may lawfully be done by trust and banking companies.

—may own safe deposit vaults.

—may hold real estate and personal and mixed property.

—may act as agent for issuing certificates, etc.

—may execute trusts.

Section 4. The capital stock of said corporation shall not be less than one hundred thousand dollars, divided into shares of one hundred dollars each, with the right to increase the said capital stock at any time, by vote of the shareholders, to any amount not exceeding five hundred thousand dollars. Said corporation shall not commence business as a trust or banking company, until stock to the amount of at least one hundred thousand dollars shall have been subscribed and paid in, in cash.

Capital stock

—shall not commence business until \$100,000 has been paid in.

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Shall not
make loan on
security of its
own capital
stock.

Section 5. Said corporation shall not make any loan or discount on the security of the shares of its own capital stock, nor be the purchaser or holder of any such shares unless necessary to prevent loss upon a debt previously contracted in good faith; and all stock so acquired shall, within six months from the time of its acquisition, be disposed of at public or private sale.

Board of
directors.

Section 6. All the corporate powers of this corporation shall be exercised by a board of directors, who shall be residents of this state, whose number and term of office shall be determined by a vote of the shareholders at the first meeting held by the incorporators and at each annual meeting thereafter. The affairs and powers of the corporation may, at the option of the shareholders, be entrusted to an executive board of five members to be, by vote of the shareholders, elected from the full board of directors. The directors of said corporation shall be sworn to the proper discharge of their duties, and they shall hold office until others are elected and qualified in their stead. If a director dies, resigns, or becomes disqualified for any cause, the remaining directors may appoint a person to fill the vacancy until the next annual meeting of the corporation. The oath of office of such director shall be taken within thirty days of his election, or his office shall become vacant. The clerk of such corporation shall, within ten days, notify such directors of their election, and within thirty days shall publish the list of all persons who have taken the oath of office as directors.

--executive
board.

--vacancies,
how filled.

Board of
investment.

Section 7. The board of directors of said corporation shall constitute the board of investment of said corporation. Said directors shall keep in a separate book, specially provided for the purpose, a record of all loans, and investments of every description, made by said institution substantially in the order of time when such loans or investments are made, which shall show that such loans or investments have been made with the approval of the investment committee of said corporation, which shall indicate such particulars respecting such loans or investments as the bank examiner shall direct. This book shall be submitted to the trustees or directors and to the bank examiner whenever requested. Such loans or investments shall be classified in the book as the bank examiner shall direct. No loan shall be made to any officer or director of said banking or trust company except by the unanimous approval of the executive board in writing, and said corporation shall have no authority to hire money or to give notes unless by vote of the said board duly recorded.

--shall keep
record of
loans.

--loans to
officers or
directors, how
made.

Directors
must own at
least ten
shares of
stock.

Section 8. No person shall be eligible to the position of a director of said corporation who is not the actual owner of ten shares of the stock.

Section 9. Said corporation, after beginning to receive deposits, shall, at all times, have on hand in lawful money, as a reserve, not less than fifteen per cent of the aggregate amount of its deposits which are subject to withdrawal on demand, provided, that in lieu of lawful money, two-thirds of said fifteen per cent may consist of balances, payable on demand, due from any national or state bank.

Section 10. All the property or money held in trust by this corporation shall constitute a special deposit and the accounts thereof and of said trust department shall be kept separate, and such funds and the investment or loans of them shall be specially appropriated to the security and payment of such deposits, and not be subject to any other liabilities of the corporation; and for the purpose of securing the observance of this proviso, said corporation shall have a trust department in which all business pertaining to such trust property shall be kept separate and distinct from its general business.

Trust funds shall constitute a special deposit.

Section 11. An administrator, executor, assignee, guardian or trustee, any court of law or equity, including courts of probate and insolvency, officers and treasurers of towns, cities, counties, and savings banks of the state of Maine may deposit any moneys, bonds, stocks, evidences of debt or of ownership in property, or any personal property, with said corporation, and any of said courts may direct any person deriving authority from them to so deposit the same.

Administrators, etc., may deposit in.

Section 12. The shareholders of this corporation shall be individually responsible, equally and ratably, and not one for the other, for all contracts, debts and engagements of said corporation, to a sum equal to the amount of the par value of the shares owned by each in addition to the amount invested in said shares.

Responsibility of shareholders

Section 13. Such corporation shall set apart as a guaranty fund not less than ten per cent of its net earnings in each and every year until such fund with the accumulated interest thereon, shall amount to one-fourth of the capital stock of said corporation.

Guaranty fund.

Section 14. The shares of said corporation shall be subject to taxation in the same manner and rate as are the shares of national banks.

Taxation.

Section 15. Said corporation shall be subject to examination by the bank examiner, who shall visit it at least once in every year, and as much oftener as he may deem expedient. At such visits he shall have free access to its vaults, books and papers, and shall thoroughly inspect and examine all the affairs of said corporation, and make such inquiries as may be necessary to

Shall be subject to examination by bank examiner.

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ascertain its condition and ability to fulfill all its engagements. If upon examination of said corporation the examiner is of the opinion that its investments are not in accordance with law, or said corporation is insolvent, or its condition is such as to render its further proceedings hazardous to the public or to those having funds in its custody, or is of the opinion that it has exceeded its powers or failed to comply with any of the rules or restrictions provided by law, he shall have such authority and take such action as is provided for in the case of savings banks by chapter forty-seven of the revised statutes. He shall preserve in a permanent form a full record of his proceedings, including a statement of the condition of said corporation. A copy of such statement shall be published by said corporation immediately after the annual examination of the same in some newspaper published where said corporation is established. If no paper is published in the town where said corporation is established, then it shall be published in a newspaper printed in the nearest city or town. The necessary expenses of the bank examiner while making such examination shall be paid by the corporation.

—statement shall be published.

First meeting, how called.

Section 16. Any five of the corporators named in this act may call the first meeting of the corporation by mailing a written notice, signed by all, postage paid, to each of the other corporators, seven days at least before the day of the meeting, naming the time, place and purpose of such meeting, and at such meeting the necessary officers may be chosen, by-laws adopted, and any other corporate business transacted.

Section 17. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 5, 1903.

Chapter 124.

An Act to amend Chapter three hundred and one of the Private and Special Laws of eighteen hundred fifty, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Portland Widows' Wood Society," as amended by Chapter one hundred forty-five of the Private and Special Laws of eighteen hundred seventy-nine.

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

Section 1. Section two of chapter three hundred and one of the private and special laws of eighteen hundred and fifty is hereby amended so that, as amended, said section shall read as follows:

Section 2 of chapter 301 of special laws of 1850, amended.

'Section 2. Said corporation shall have a seal, may sue or be sued in its corporate capacity, and appoint an agent or attorney to prosecute and defend suits with the power of substitution.'

Shall have a seal, may sue and be sued.