

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the  
**LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY**  
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library  
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied  
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

SEVENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1903.

---

Published by the Secretary of State, agreeably to Resolves of June 28,  
1820, February 18, 1840, and March 16, 1842.

---

AUGUSTA  
KENNEBEC JOURNAL PRINT  
1903

---

---

PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1903.

---

---

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.

—shall  
publish  
statement.

Section 16. Any one 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.

First meeting,  
how called.

Section 17. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 26, 1903.

### Chapter 324.

An Act to incorporate the Merchants Trust Company.

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

Section 1. Henry P. Cox, Charles F. Bolton, Erlon M. Richardson and Horace B. Wentworth of Portland, in the county of Cumberland and George C. Wing of Auburn, in the county of Androscoggin and the state of Maine, or such of them as may by vote accept the charter, with their associates, successors and assigns, are hereby made a body corporate and politic to be known as the Merchants 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.

Corporators.

—corporate  
name.

Section 2. The corporation hereby created shall be located at Auburn, Androscoggin county, Maine.

Location.

Section 3. The purposes of said corporation and the business which it may perform, are; first, to receive on deposit, money, coin, bank notes, evidences of debt, accounts of individuals,

Purposes.

CHAP. 324

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, on real estate, or personal security, and to negotiate loans and sales for others; third, to own and maintain 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 may 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 assignee, receiver, executor, and no surety shall be necessary upon the bond of the corporation, unless the court or officer approving such bond shall require it; eighth, to do in general all the business that may lawfully be done by trust and banking companies.

—may maintain safe deposit vaults.

—may execute trusts.

**Capital stock**

Section 4. The capital stock of said corporation shall not be less than fifty 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 fifty thousand dollars shall have been subscribed and paid in, in cash.

—shall not commence business till \$50,000 has been paid in.

Shall not make loan on security of its own 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 not less than five members

—executive board.

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 names of all persons who have taken the oath of office as directors.

—vacancies,  
how filled.

Section 7. The board of directors of said corporation shall constitute the board of investment of said corporation. The treasurer 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 board of investment, and which shall indicate such particulars, respecting such loans or investments as the bank examiner shall direct. This book shall be submitted to the 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 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.

Board of  
investment.

—shall keep  
record of all  
loans.

—loans to  
directors,  
how made.

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 capital stock.

Director must  
own ten  
shares of  
stock.

Section 9. Said corporation, after beginning to receive deposits, shall, at all times, have on hand in lawful money, as a cash 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.

Reserve fund.

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 of 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

Trust funds  
shall  
constitute a  
special  
deposit.

CHAP. 324

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.

Adminis-  
trators, etc.,  
may deposit  
in.

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.

Responsi-  
bility of  
shareholders.

Section 12. Each shareholder of this corporation shall be individually responsible, equally and ratably, and not one for the other, for all contracts, debts and engagements of such 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.

Surplus fund.

Section 13. Such corporation shall set apart as a surplus 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.

Taxation.

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.

Shall be  
subject to  
examination  
by bank  
examiner.

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 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

-shall  
publish  
statement.

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.

Section 16. Any one of the incorporators 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 incorporators, 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.

First meeting, how called.

Section 17. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 26, 1903.

### Chapter 325.

An Act authorizing the Lewiston Trust and Safe Deposit Company to establish a branch at Freeport.

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

Section 1. The Lewiston Trust and Safe Deposit Company is hereby authorized to establish a branch at Freeport, in the county of Cumberland.

Freeport branch.

Section 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 26, 1903.

### Chapter 326.

An Act to incorporate the Patten Telegraph and Telephone Company.

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

Section 1. James McNulty, Fred W. Ayer, Nathaniel M. Jones, Halbert P. Gardner and George G. Weeks, their associates, successors and assigns, are hereby made a body corporate by the name of the Patten Telegraph and Telephone Company, with all the rights, powers and privileges and subject to all the duties and liabilities provided by the general laws of this state relating to similar corporations, with power by that name to sue

Corporators.

—corporate name.

—rights, powers, privileges, duties and liabilities.