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OF THE

SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1913

Including Acts and Resolves of the Special Session held
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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

As Passed by the Seventy-Sixth
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Chapter 103.**CHAP. 103**

An Act to Make the Certificate of the Official Court Stenographer Sufficient Authentication of a Report of Evidence for the Law Court, and to Prescribe the Course of Procedure in the Courts in the Event of the Death of the Official Stenographer.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows :

Section 1. In all cases coming before the law court from the supreme judicial or superior court, in which a copy of the evidence is required by statute, rule of court, or order of the presiding justice, a certificate signed by the official court stenographer, stating that the report furnished by him is a correct transcript of his stenographic notes of the testimony and proceedings at the trial of the cause, shall be a sufficient authentication thereof without the signature of the presiding justice.

Authentification of evidence, etc., may be furnished by official stenographer in certain cases.

Section 2. When a verdict has been rendered or a decree made in any cause, in law or equity, in the supreme judicial or superior court, and a certified copy of the evidence taken by the official stenographer cannot be obtained by reason of the death or disability of such stenographer, the justice who presided at the trial of such cause may, if a motion for a new trial has been filed during the term at which the verdict was rendered, on petition therefor, after notice and hearing thereon, set aside such verdict and grant a new trial at any time within one year after it was returned, when in his opinion the evidence demands it; and exceptions allowed by such justice, when the evidence or any portion thereof is made a part of the exceptions, or an appeal taken from any decree in equity made by him, may be heard and determined by the law court either upon a statement of facts agreed upon by counsel and certified by such justice, or upon a report signed and certified by him as a true report of all the material facts in the case.

If certificate of official stenographer cannot be had justice at trial of case may grant new trial.

Approved March 25, 1913.

Chapter 104.

An Act Relating to Fraternal Beneficiary Associations Doing Casualty Business Only.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows :

Any fraternal, beneficiary association or order, which is carried on for the sole benefit of its members or their beneficiaries, and not for profit, which has a lodge system with a ritualistic form of work and representative form of government, and which provides benefits for the death or disability of its mem-

Certain fraternal associations not obliged to pay death benefits may be incorporated under chap. 40, R. S.