

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# Acts and Resolves

As Passed by the

## Seventy-Eighth Legislature

OF THE

# STATE OF MAINE

1917

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**PUBLIC LAWS**  
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## Chapter 85.

An Act to Amend Section Four of Chapter Sixty-two of the Revised Statutes, Relating to Recording of Certificates of Incorporation of and Payment of Fees for Same by Corporations without Capital Stock.

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

**R. S., c. 62, § 4, relating to corporation organized under c. 62, R. S.** Section four of chapter sixty-two of the revised statutes is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

**'Sec. 4. Registers of deeds to receive a recording fee of \$1.00.** Before commencing business, the president, treasurer and a majority of the directors or trustees of every corporation organized under the foregoing sections shall prepare a certificate setting forth the name and purposes of the corporation, the town where located, the number and names of the officers, and shall sign and make oath to it; and after it has been examined by the attorney general, and been by him certified to be properly drawn and signed and to be conformable to the constitution and laws, it shall be recorded in the registry of deeds in the county where said corporation is located, in a book kept for that purpose, and within sixty days after the day of the meeting at which such corporation is organized, a copy thereof certified by such register shall be filed in the secretary of state's office, who shall enter the date of filing thereon, and on the original certificate to be kept by the corporation, and shall record said copy in a book kept for that purpose. No fee shall be required hereunder by the attorney general or secretary of state, but registers of deeds shall receive for recording such certificate the fee of one dollar.'

Approved March 26, 1917.

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## Chapter 86.

An Act Relating to the Probate of Foreign Wills.

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

**Copy of foreign will may be accepted in place of original.** When a duly authenticated copy of a will from any state or country where probate is not required by the laws of such state or country, with a duly authenticated certificate of the legal custodian of such original will that the same is a true copy, and that such will has become operative by the laws of such state or country, and when a copy of a notarial will in possession of a notary in a foreign state or country entitled to the custody thereof, (the laws of which state or country require that such will remain in the custody of such notary), duly authenticated by such notary, is presented by the executor or other persons interested to the proper court in this state, such court shall appoint a time and place of hearing and notice thereof shall be given as in case of an original will presented for probate. If it appears to the court that the instrument ought to be allowed in this state,

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as the last will and testament of the deceased, the copy shall be filed and recorded, and the will shall have the same effect as if originally proved and allowed in the said court.

Approved March 26, 1917.

## Chapter 87.

An Act to Amend Section Fifty-nine of Chapter Four of the Revised Statutes, Relating to Appropriation by Cities and Towns for Advertising.

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

**R. S., c. 4, § 59, relating to appropriations by towns for advertising, amended.** Section fifty-nine of chapter four of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the words in the second line thereof "having not more than fifty thousand inhabitants," so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

**'Sec. 59. Appropriation may be made by any town or city.** Any city or town may appropriate any sum, not exceeding one mill on a dollar, based on the valuation of the preceding year, to be expended and used for advertising the natural resources, advantages and attractions of such city or town.'

Approved March 26, 1917.

## Chapter 88.

An Act Additional to and Amendatory of Chapter One Hundred Thirty-nine of the Revised Statutes, Relating to Insane Inmates of the Reformatory for Women.

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

**R. S., c. 139, relating to disposal of insane criminals, supplemented.** Chapter one hundred thirty-nine of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto the following sections:

**'Sec. 15. Reformatory for women; preliminary proceedings when inmate becomes insane or is feeble minded.** Whenever a woman committed to the reformatory for women has become insane, or in the opinion of the superintendent thereof is in such a condition that she is a fit subject for the Maine School for Feeble Minded, the superintendent shall notify the reformatory physician of the fact, and the reformatory physician shall forthwith investigate the case and make a personal examination of such woman; and if such physician finds such woman to be insane or a fit subject for the Maine School for Feeble Minded he shall forthwith certify such fact in writing to the superintendent. Said superintendent shall apply in writing to the judge of the Western Somerset municipal court in the county of Somerset stating the facts connected therewith and praying that the condition of such woman may be inquired into and such decree made as to her commitment as justice may require.'