

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1917

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Chapter 139.

An Act Confirming the Official Acts of the Officers of the Plantation of Chapman, Acting as Officers of the Town of Chapman, and the Proceedings of the Special Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Chapman held December Twenty-seventh, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifteen.

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

Sec. 1. Official acts of plantation officers acting for town validated. The official acts of the officers of the plantation of Chapman elected at the annual meeting of the inhabitants of the plantation of Chapman held March fifteen, one thousand nine hundred and fifteen, acting as officers of the plantation of Chapman and of the town of Chapman from March fifteen, one thousand nine hundred and fifteen, to December twenty-seven, one thousand nine hundred and fifteen, each date inclusive, are hereby ratified and confirmed with the same legal force and effect as if made by the officers of the plantation of Chapman and the officers of the town of Chapman duly elected and qualified.

Sec. 2. Proceedings of special town meeting of Dec. 27th, 1915, ratified. All of the proceedings of the special town meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Chapman held December twenty-seven, one thousand nine hundred and fifteen, for the purpose of electing town officers for the year then current are hereby ratified, confirmed and made valid.

Approved March 30, 1917.

Chapter 140.

An Act Authorizing the Municipal Officers of the Town of Machias to Close a Bridge over Tide-water.

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

Bridge abolished. Authority is hereby granted the municipal officers of the town of Machias to abolish a bridge over tide-water in said town leading to the old Shaw ship-yard, so called; said bridge being located on Court street, just west of the Maine Central station and yard.

Approved March 30, 1917.

Chapter 141.

An Act to Provide a New Building for the Augusta State Hospital.

Emergency preamble. Whereas one building at the Augusta State Hospital was destroyed by fire on the evening of March twenty-second, A. D. nineteen hundred seventeen, leaving many of the patients without suitable protection and,

Whereas, the proper care of the insane and feeble-minded in this state requires that a new building be constructed at the Augusta State Hospital without delay and,

Whereas, in the opinion of the legislature the immediate construction of a new building at the Augusta State Hospital is necessary for the preserva-

tion of the public health and safety of the State of Maine, the need therefor constitutes an emergency within the meaning of the provisions of the constitution of this state;

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

Sec. 1. \$60,000 appropriated for new building. The sum of sixty thousand dollars is hereby appropriated for the construction of a new building at the Augusta State Hospital to replace the building burned on the evening of March twenty-second, A. D. nineteen hundred seventeen.

Sec. 2. Expenditure of above amount. The said sum of sixty thousand dollars shall be spent under the direction of the hospital trustees with the consent of the governor and council.

Sec. 3. Construction to begin immediately; formalities waived and inconsistent statutes repealed. Immediately after the approval of this act by the governor it shall be the duty of the hospital trustees to start the construction of the building herein authorized and provided for. Said trustees are hereby authorized with the approval of the governor and council to waive all formality relating to the designing, contracting, and constructing of said building which would delay the starting immediately on the actual physical construction of the building herein provided for. All statutes and parts of statutes inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Sec. 4. Emergency Clause. This act, two-thirds of all the members elected to each house so directing, shall take effect when approved by the governor.

Approved March 30, 1917.

Chapter 142.

An Act to Incorporate the Smyrna and Oakfield Water Company.

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

Sec. 1. Corporators, name and purposes. Elijah M. Chase, Ada G. Chase and Walter Estes, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of the Smyrna and Oakfield Water Company, for the purpose of supplying the inhabitants of the towns of Smyrna, Oakfield and Merrill, with pure water for domestic, sanitary, municipal and commercial purposes, including the extinguishment of fire, and such corporation shall possess all the powers, privileges and be subject to all the liabilities and obligations imposed upon corporations by law except as herein otherwise provided.

Sec. 2. Source of supply; territory covered. For any of the purposes aforesaid, the said corporation is hereby authorized to take and use water from the springs of water in lands owned by Fritz Soule in the town of Merrill, in the county of Aroostook, or from any spring, pond, brook or other waters in the towns of Smyrna, Oakfield and Merrill, in said county