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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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tion on said Weltz's east line sixteen rods; thence easterly on lot line of land owned by Benjamin Johnson and William Shepard, ninety-four rods to the northwest corner of land owned by Stephen Quimby; thence in a southeast course on the Stephen Quimby west line eighty-nine rods to the northerly line of land of Lucian H. Warren; thence westerly, following said Warren's northerly line, seven and one-half rods to the northwest corner of said Warren's land; thence southerly on said Warren's westerly line eleven rods to the Mile Square road, so-called, thence easterly along said Mile Square road seven and one-half rods to the original west line of the Stephen Quimby land, said point being the southeast corner of the original homestead lot of said Warren; thence southeasterly on the same course as the said Stephen Quimby west line, sixty-six rods, to the Avon town line; thence south eighty degrees west forty rods to the stone monument near the line bridge, so-called; thence same course across the river to the place of beginning, eighty rods more or less the same estimated to contain six hundred acres, more or less.'

Approved March 31, 1917.

Chapter 147.

An Act to Amend Chapter Four Hundred Twenty-two of the Private and Special Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Three, Increasing the Salary of the Recorder of the Municipal Court of the City of Biddeford.

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

P. & S. L., 1903, c. 422, amended. Chapter four hundred twenty-two of the private and special laws of nineteen hundred three is hereby amended as follows, namely: by striking out the word "three" in the third line of the second paragraph of said chapter and inserting instead thereof the word 'six', so that said paragraph as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 2. Salary of recorder increased. For all services rendered, except when there is a vacancy in the office of judge, the recorder shall be paid from the county treasury the sum of six hundred dollars annually, payable on the first days of January, April, July and October, which shall be in full for all services rendered as such recorder.'

Approved April 3, 1917.

Chapter 148.

An Act to Incorporate Maine Fire Insurance Company.

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

Sec. 1. Corporators, name and purposes; proviso. Morrill N. Drew, Frederic E. Boothby, Thomas H. Flaherty, Emil G. Pieper, Frank R. Linton, Herbert L. Shephard, Harry A. Furbush, Jefferson M. Swett, George L. Shepley, James H. Campbell, James A. Broe, John J. Cunningham,

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their associates, successors and assigns, are hereby constituted and made a body corporate and politic by the name of the "Maine Fire Insurance Company" for the purpose of making insurances on dwelling houses, stores and all kinds of buildings, and household furniture, and other property against loss or damage by fire, lightning, windstorms, floods, tornadoes, earthquakes or explosions, and also against loss or damage by water to any goods or premises arising from the breakage or leakage of sprinklers, pumps or other apparatus erected for extinguishing fires, and of water pipes, and against accidental injury to vessels, boats, cargoes, goods, merchandise, freights, profits, commissions, rents and other property, against loss or damage by all or any of the risks of lake, river, canal and inland navigation and transportation (and every insurance appertaining to or connected with marine risks); also to insure automobiles, whether stationary or being operated under their own power, against all or any of the hazards of fire explosion, transportation, collision or loss by legal liability, for damage to property resulting from the maintenance and use of automobiles, and loss by burglary or theft or both; also to insure against loss or damage arising from the prevention or suspension of the use and occupation of any building, plant or manufacturing establishment, or of any part thereof, due to or caused by the breakage of or accident to engines, boilers, motors, machinery, or from any other cause; and to reinsure the whole or any part of the risks of any other fire insurance company and to effect reinsurances of any or all of the risks taken by this company; with all the powers and privileges and subject to all the duties and liabilities set forth in the general laws of the State of Maine, and all acts in amendment thereof, or in addition thereto, so far as the same may be applicable to this corporation. Provided, however, that no action shall be taken looking toward the dissolution of said corporation or the discontinuance of its business by the reinsurance of its risks or otherwise, except in pursuance of a vote in favor of such action representing in amount not less than four-fifths of the outstanding capital stock of said corporation.

Sec. 2. Capital stock, shares, etc.; proviso. The capital stock of said corporation shall not exceed two million dollars, to be fixed in amount from time to time by vote of the board of directors, and shall be divided into shares of one hundred dollars each, and each stockholder shall either in person or by proxy be entitled in all meetings of the corporation to as many votes as he holds shares of stock, provided, however, that one hundred thousand dollars of such capital stock shall be actually paid in before any policy shall be issued by said company.

Sec. 3. Investment of surplus funds. The corporation shall have the power to buy, sell, and hold the capital stock, bonds and other property of persons, firms and corporations engaged in kindred or similar lines of business, and may invest its surplus and other funds in such stocks, bonds, mortgages, securities or real estate, as its board of directors may from time to time determine.

Sec. 4. Taxation. Said company shall pay a tax on premiums received on property located in the State of Maine, but shall be exempt from all other state and town taxes on its capital stock and surplus invested in securities exempt from taxation as provided by the laws of the state.

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Sec. 5. By-laws. The corporation may ordain and pass such rules, regulations and by-laws for the government of said company and the conduct of the business thereof as may be judged expedient, not repugnant to law.

Sec. 6. Location. The corporation shall have a place of business in the city of Portland, State of Maine, but the business of the company may be transacted throughout the United States of America and elsewhere by agencies, branches, or otherwise, as may be deemed advisable.

Sec. 7. First meeting, organization, officers, etc. The first meeting of said corporation shall be called by notice signed by one of the incorporators herein before named, stating the time and place thereof, a copy of which shall, seven days at least before the time appointed, be given to each incorporator, left at his usual place of business or residence, or deposited in the post office prepaid and addressed to him at his usual place of business or residence. Such notice shall be proved by affidavit of the person giving it. At such meeting, including any adjournment thereof, an organization shall be effected by the choice by ballot of a temporary clerk, who shall be sworn to the faithful discharge of his duties, by the adoption of by-laws consistent with this charter and laws of the state, and by the election of such officers as the by-laws require. The temporary clerk shall record the proceedings, until and including the qualifications of the secretary of the corporation by his being sworn. No organization shall be effected at any such meeting or its adjournment unless a majority of the incorporators are present in person or by proxy. The original incorporators shall elect a board of directors who shall thereafter choose one of the number a president, also an executive committee, a secretary and other officers, which under the by-laws they are authorized to choose. The president, the secretary and a majority of the directors, shall forthwith make, sign and swear to the certificate setting forth the date of the approval of this charter, the name and purposes of the corporation, the amount of capital stock, the amount already paid in, the par value of the shares, the name and residence of the owners, the name of the county where it is located, and the number and names of the incorporators acting as directors. Such certificate shall be recorded in the registry of deeds in the county where the principal office is to be located, and a copy thereof certified by such register shall be filed in the secretary of state's office, who shall enter the date of filing thereof, and on the original certificate to be kept by the corporation, and shall record said copy in a book for that purpose. And from the time of filing said certificate in the secretary of state's office the stockholders of said corporation, their successors and assigns, shall be a corporation with the powers hereinbefore granted.

Approved April 3, 1917.