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# Acts and Resolves

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upwards, and shall have his residence established in this state for the term of three months next preceding any national, state, city or town election, shall have the right to vote at every such election in the city, town or plantation where his residence is so established, and such right to vote at national and state elections in such city, town or plantation shall continue for a period of three months after his removal therefrom, if he continues to reside in this state during said period; provided, however, that his name has been properly entered upon the voting list of such city, town or plantation.'

**Sec. 2. Conditional upon adoption of constitutional amendment.** This act shall take effect only upon the adoption in September, nineteen hundred and nineteen, of the proposed amendment to the constitution providing for the continuation of the right of suffrage to a person otherwise qualified to vote for governor, senator and representatives in this state, in the town or plantation where his residence for suffrage purposes has been established, for a period of three months after his removal therefrom to another town or plantation within this state, and in case of such adoption, shall take effect on the day said constitutional amendment becomes effective.

Approved March 27, 1919.

## Chapter 114.

An Act to Amend Section Fifty-two of Chapter Four of the Revised Statutes, as Amended by Chapter Fifty-nine of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Seventeen, Relating to Certificates for Reimbursement of Towns for Burial Expenses of Honorably Discharged Soldiers and Sailors.

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

**R. S., c. 4, § 52, 1917, c. 59, § 2; relating to reimbursement by state for burial expenses of soldiers and sailors, amended.** Section fifty-two of chapter four of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter fifty-nine of the public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen, is hereby further amended by striking out all of said section beginning with the words "said proof" in the eleventh line thereof, and adding in place thereof the following: 'said proof shall contain a certificate from the adjutant general of the state to the effect that such person was an honorably discharged soldier or sailor, or the widow of an honorably discharged soldier or sailor,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

**'Sec. 52. Adjutant general's certificate to be merely to effect that deceased was an honorably discharged sailor or soldier or widow of same.** The municipal officers of the city or town in which such deceased resided at the time of his death, shall pay the expenses of his burial, and if he die in an unincorporated place, the town charged with the support of

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paupers in such unincorporated place, shall pay such expenses, and in either case upon satisfactory proof by such town or city to the governor and council of the fact of such death and payment, the governor shall authorize the treasurer of state to refund said town or city the amount so paid, provided, however, that the person whose burial expenses are paid in accordance with the provisions of this section and the preceding section shall not be constituted a pauper thereby; said proof shall contain a certificate from the adjutant general of the state to the effect that such person was an honorably discharged soldier or sailor, or the widow of an honorably discharged soldier or sailor.'

Approved March 27, 1919.

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## Chapter 115.

An Act to Amend Section Thirty-nine, of Chapter Fifty-five of the Revised Statutes, Relating to Increase or Decrease of Capital Stock, or Stock, Bond or Scrip Dividend.

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

**R. S., c. 55, § 39; prohibiting decrease of capital stock or declaration of dividend without approval of public utilities commission, amended.** Section thirty-nine of chapter fifty-five of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph: 'Any public utility organized under special act of the legislature or under general laws of the state may increase its capital stock to an amount not exceeding one million dollars upon approval of the commission. The public utility voting to increase its capital stock shall, within fifteen days after such action file notice of the proposed increase with the commission. If such increase is approved, upon payment of the fees prescribed by section forty-two of chapter fifty-one revised statutes, the commission shall thereupon issue its certificate of approval to the company so increasing its capital stock and shall also cause to be filed a certificate in the office of the secretary of state certifying to such increase,' so that said section thirty-nine, as amended, shall read:

**'Sec. 39. May increase capital stock to not exceeding one million dollars upon approval of commission.** No public utility shall decrease its capital stock or declare any stock, bond or scrip dividend or divide the proceeds of the sale of its own or any stock, bond or scrip among stockholders without the consent of the commission. Any public utility organized under special act of the legislature or under general laws of the state may increase its capital stock to an amount not exceeding one million dollars upon approval of the commission. The public utility voting to increase its capital stock shall, within fifteen days after such action file notice of the proposed increase with the commission. If such increase is approved, upon payment of the fees prescribed by section forty-two, of chapter fifty-