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being able to labor and provide for them, wilfully and without reasonable cause, refuses or neglects to provide suitable maintenance for them, the supreme judicial court, the superior courts, the probate courts and any municipal court, in term time or vacation, in the county where the wife or such minor child or children reside, on petition of the wife for herself and for such child or children, or of such child or children by their guardian, after such notice to the husband or father as it may order, and hearing, may order him to contribute to the support of his wife and such minor child or children or either of them such sums payable weekly, monthly or quarterly, as are deemed reasonable and just, and may enforce obedience by appropriate decrees. Execution may also issue for said sums, when payable and for costs. Any party aggrieved by any order or decree authorized by this section and made by a probate court or municipal court may appeal from said order or decree in the same manner as provided for appeals from such court in other causes. Provided, however, that pending the determination of such appeal, the order or decree appealed from shall remain in force and obedience thereto may be enforced as if no appeal had been taken. Said appeal shall be in order for hearing at the first term of the court appealed to held after said appeal is taken, and no continuance thereof shall be had without the consent of the appellant or without legal cause shown therefor to the justice of said court to which appeal is had.'

Approved April 7, 1927.

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## Chapter 99.

An Act Relating to the Increase of the Capital Stock of Certain Corporations Charged with the Performance of a Public Duty, and to Duties Payable to the State for Such Increase.

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

R. S., c. 51, sec. 42; P. L., 1925, c. 196; relating to duties payable to state by corporations created by special act of legislature for increases of capital stock, amended. Section forty-two of chapter fifty-one of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter one hundred ninety-six of the laws of nineteen hundred twenty-five, is hereby further amended by striking out in the first four lines of said section the words: "Whenever any corporation created by special act of the legislature and charged with the performance of any public duty, or organized for any of the purposes enumerated in section six which are not subject to fees of a like kind to those herein provided," and inserting in place thereof the following: "If the stockholders of any corporation created by special act of the legislature or organized under the general laws of the state and charged with the performance of any public duty, or organized for any of the pur-

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poses enumerated in section six which are not subject to fees of a like kind to those herein provided, find that the amount of its capital stock is insufficient for the purposes for which said corporation is organized, or that the number of its directors is inconvenient for the transaction of its business, the stockholders, at any annual or special meeting the call for which shall give notice of the proposed change, may, by a vote representing a majority of the stock issued, increase the amount of its capital stock to any amount and change the number of its directors; and the corporation shall file a certificate setting forth such changes with the secretary of state, who shall duly record the same within twenty days thereafter, and thereupon said vote shall take effect; subject, however, to the provisions, when applicable, of section thirty-nine of chapter fifty-five of the revised statutes as amended. When any such corporation' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

**'Sec. 42. Provisions made applicable to corporations organized under general law charged with performance of public duty; procedure for increase of capital stock or directors provided for.** If the stockholders of any corporation created by special act of the legislature or organized under the general laws of the state and charged with the performance of any public duty, or organized for any of the purposes enumerated in section six which are not subject to fees of a like kind to those herein provided, find that the amount of its capital stock is insufficient for the purposes for which said corporation is organized, or that the number of its directors is inconvenient for the transaction of its business, the stockholders, at any annual or special meeting the call for which shall give notice of the proposed change, may, by a vote representing a majority of the stock issued, increase the amount of its capital stock to any amount and change the number of its directors; and the corporation shall file a certificate setting forth such changes with the secretary of state, who shall duly record the same within twenty days thereafter, and thereupon said vote shall take effect; subject, however, to the provisions, when applicable, of section thirty-nine of chapter fifty-five of the revised statutes as amended. When any such corporation increases its capital stock, it shall pay to the secretary of state, for the use of the state, the following fees before it shall be authorized to receive any certificate of any increase of capital stock: When the capital stock is increased from five thousand dollars or less to not exceeding ten thousand dollars, the corporation shall pay the sum of twenty-five dollars; when the capital stock is increased from ten thousand dollars to not exceeding fifty thousand dollars, it shall pay the sum of fifty dollars; when the capital stock is increased from fifty thousand dollars to not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars, it shall pay the sum of one hundred dollars; when the capital stock is increased to any amount exceeding one hundred thousand dollars, it shall pay seventy-five dollars

upon every one hundred thousand dollars or fraction thereof, in excess of one hundred thousand.'

Approved April 7, 1927.

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## Chapter 100.

An Act Relating to Acknowledgments by Bank Officials by Justices of the Peace.  
*Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:*

R. S., c. 78, sec. 23; relating to acknowledgment of deeds, amended. Section twenty-three of chapter seventy-eight of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto the following:

'Justice of the peace who is stockholder, officer, etc., of a bank or other corporation, may take acknowledgments; proviso; prior acts validated. Any justice of the peace who is a stockholder, director, officer or employee of a bank or other corporation, may take the acknowledgment of any party to any written instrument executed to or by such corporation; provided, that such justice of the peace is not a party to such instrument either individually or as a representative of such bank or other corporation.

This amendment shall apply to justices of the peace in office on the date when this act goes into effect and shall validate any acts theretofore done by them which would be valid hereunder.'

Approved April 7, 1927.

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## Chapter 101.

An Act Relating to Capital Stock.

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

R. S., c. 51, sec. 35; relating to fixing of capital stock and dividing into shares; names of owners to be recorded, amended. Section thirty-five of chapter fifty-one, revised statutes, is hereby amended by striking out the words "within the limits of the charter" in the second and third lines of said section; and by striking out the words "to the amount allowed by the charter" in the fifth and sixth lines of said section and by substituting in place thereof the words 'as provided in sections forty-one and forty-two,' so that said section thirty-five, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 35. Limitations in charter eliminated; increases in capital stock to be made according to provisions of sections 41 & 42. The capital of corporations incorporated by special act of the legislature shall be fixed and divided into shares; and the names of the owners, and the number