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prerequisite for the issuance of the license authorizing such sale or exchange, and has given a deed thereof to the purchaser of the same or to the person with whom such exchange was authorized or ordered; or where such executor, administrator, guardian, conservator, trustee, master or receiver or other similar officer, appointed as aforesaid, has acted in such capacity under a decree of any such court appointing him to such office, but which such decree of appointment erroneously or by inadvertence excused him from giving bond in such capacity when such bond is required by law and not in fact given, such deeds and acts heretofore done are validated.

Approved April 15, 1927.

Chapter 213.

An Act to Provide for the Completion of the Vital Records of the State.

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

Sec. 1. Registrar of vital statistics to ascertain from what towns complete returns are lacking, and to send blanks to clerks for completion. The state registrar of vital statistics shall, as soon as practicable after the passage of this act, ascertain from what cities, towns and plantations and from what years, prior to eighteen hundred ninety-two, complete returns of births, marriages and deaths have not been made to the state, or are not to be found among the records of his office, and shall convey this information to the clerks of such cities, towns and plantations, together with suitable blanks upon which to make returns.

Sec. 2. Clerks of towns to complete returns; fees for such services. Such clerks may, within a period of ten years, under the direction of the state registrar of vital statistics, cause to be transcribed in full upon such blanks all records of births, marriages and deaths prior to eighteen hundred ninety-two in the possession of the city, town or plantation and of the churches situated in the city, town or plantation, not already returned, and shall transmit the same, properly certified, to the state registrar of vital statistics, within such reasonable time as he may prescribe, and for such services said clerk shall receive from the city, town or plantation the sum of not exceeding five cents for each record so transcribed, certified and transmitted, as may be agreed upon between the clerk and the municipal officers.

Sec. 3. Inscription on gravestones may be copied and recorded; blank forms to be furnished by registrar; compensation. If the death records of the city, town or plantation prior to eighteen hundred ninety-two are incomplete, the clerk of such city, town or plantation may, within ten

years, as may be prescribed by the said state registrar of vital statistics, cause to be copied at the expense of the city, town or plantation, under the direction of the said state registrar of vital statistics, the inscriptions on all gravestones in the city, town or plantation erected to the memory of any person who died prior to eighteen hundred ninety-two, so far as the same relates to the name of the deceased, date of death, age or date of birth, if given, and the name of the cemetery, and shall cause such records to be recorded in the books or archives of the city, town or plantation. The state registrar of vital statistics shall furnish each of said clerks with suitable blank forms for the return of such records, which shall be copied, certified and returned to the said state registrar of vital statistics within such reasonable time as he may prescribe as provided in section two hereof, and the clerk shall receive the same compensation for copying, certifying and returning said records as for the records described in said section two. The work of transcription and certification shall be distributed as fairly and evenly as may be over said period of ten years next following the date when this act becomes effective.

Sec. 4. Fee of registrar for certified copies of records; fee for search of records. When required for any lawful and proper purpose, certified copies of such records shall be furnished by the state registrar of vital statistics for a fee of fifty cents, to be paid by the applicant. For any search of the files and records, when no certified copy is made, the fee shall be fifty cents for each hour or fractional part of an hour of time of search, said fee to be paid by the applicant.

Approved April 15, 1927.

Chapter 214.

An Act to Apply Surplus Funds Toward State Construction.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, proper accommodations for the wards and dependents of our state are vital to the public welfare, and

Whereas, new construction for various state institutions, such as the state university, hospitals, sanatoriums, reformatories, and schools has been and may hereafter be authorized by this legislature, and

Whereas, it is immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety that appropriations specified in the various resolves be available for said new construction, which in the opinion of the legislature constitute an emergency within the meaning of the constitution,