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## Chapter 32.

An Act to Provide for the Retirement of Firemen in the City of Augusta Upon  
Half Pay.

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

**Sec. 1. City of Augusta authorized to pension retired members of fire department.** The city of Augusta is hereby authorized to provide for the retirement of all permanent members of its fire department, who have served in said fire department, for a term of at least twenty years, and who may have been honorably discharged from said municipal department of said city of Augusta, by reason of having attained the age of sixty-five years or by reason of permanent injuries or permanent physical incapacity, which is the result of an incident of service in said fire department, upon a pension of half pay.

**Sec. 2. Local referendum provided for.** This act shall take effect and be in full force, when approved by a majority vote of the inhabitants of said city, qualified to vote in municipal affairs, at the next legal annual meeting, held after the first day of December, in the year nineteen hundred and twenty-eight. For the purposes of said meeting, the city clerk shall reduce the subject matter of this act to the following question: "Shall the act relating to the retirement of firemen upon half pay, be accepted?" and the voters shall indicate by a cross, placed within a square upon their ballots, over the words "Yes" or "No" their opinion of the same.

Approved March 14, 1927.

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## Chapter 33.

An Act to Incorporate the Union River Railway Company.

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

**Sec. 1. Corporators; corporate name; powers.** James Q. Gulnac of Bangor, Maine, Henry Patton of Rensselaer, New York, Harvey Williams of Great Pond Plantation, Maine, John Whitcomb and John J. Whitney, both of Ellsworth, Maine, C. Carroll Blaisdell of Franklin, Maine, and Isaiah K. Stetson, Charles H. Bartlett, Allan W. McLean and Donald F. Snow, all of said Bangor, and their associates, successors and assigns, are hereby created a body corporate by the name of Union River Railway Company, with all the powers, rights, and privileges, and subject to all the duties, restrictions, and obligations provided in the general laws respecting railroads, not inconsistent with the provisions of this act.

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**Sec. 2. Authorized to construct a railroad; location.** Subject to the provisions of chapter fifty-six, section six, of the revised statutes, which section shall be complied with as far as applicable, said corporation is authorized to locate, construct, maintain and operate a railroad of standard gauge, about thirty-five miles in length, for the transportation of freight and forest products only, commencing at and connecting with the Maine Central Railroad at some convenient point in the town of Franklin, in the county of Hancock, and extending in a northerly direction by the most feasible route about thirty-five miles to some point in plantation number thirty-three also called Great Pond in Hancock county and passing through the towns of Franklin and Eastbrook, plantation number twenty-one and townships number twenty-two, twenty-eight, thirty-four and thirty-three, all in the middle division, so-called, Hancock county; providing, however, that if found necessary or convenient, to extend the railroad to tide water, said corporation is authorized to extend its road five miles, more or less, to some suitable point on the east side of Sullivan River or Frenchman's Bay.

**Sec. 3. Motive power; other rights conferred.** Said corporation is authorized and empowered to operate its railroad by steam, electricity, or any other motive power and to maintain a telephone or telegraph line along its right of way solely for its own use. Said corporation is hereby granted the right to purchase and hold water privileges and other real estate for the purposes of erecting and maintaining power houses for generating electricity or other motive power for its own use; provided that said corporation shall pay for such water privileges and other real estate, such prices as it and the owners thereof may mutually agree upon.

**Sec. 4. Capital stock.** The capital stock of said corporation shall be fixed at the first meeting of said corporation, and shall not be less than twenty-five thousand dollars nor more than five hundred thousand dollars and shall be divided into shares of the par value of one hundred dollars each.

**Sec. 5. Limitation of charter rights.** Within two years from the time this act becomes a law, said corporation shall comply with the provisions of chapter fifty-six, sections six, seven and eight of the revised statutes; and if it does not, within three years from the time this act becomes a law, begin construction of its road and expend thereon ten per cent of its capital, its corporate existence and power shall cease.

**Sec. 6. First meeting of corporation.** The first meeting of said corporation may be called by any one of the corporators above named by notice thereof in writing signed by said corporator, and given in hand or

mailed to each of the other corporators, at least seven days before said meeting and any corporator may act at such meeting by written proxy.

**Sec. 7. Existing statutes not affected; subject to provisions of R. S., c. 55.** Nothing herein contained is intended to repeal or shall be construed as repealing the whole or any part of any existing statute, except chapter ninety-three of the private and special laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-five. And all the rights and duties herein mentioned shall be exercised and performed in accordance with all the applicable provisions of chapter fifty-five of the revised statutes.

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## Chapter 34

An Act to Enable the Home for Aged Men to Hold Property Up to One Million Dollars.

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

P. & S. L., 1881, c. 133, sec. 2; 1883, c. 267; 1921, c. 48; 1923, c. 25; relating to authority of Home for Aged Men to hold property, amended. Chapter one hundred and thirty-three of the private and special laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-one, entitled an act to incorporate the Mercantile Home for Aged Men Association, as amended by chapter two hundred and sixty-seven of the private and special laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-three, and further amended by chapter forty-eight of the private and special laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-one, and further amended by chapter twenty-five of the private and special laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-three, is hereby further amended by striking out the words "five hundred thousand dollars" in the second and third lines of section two thereof and inserting in place thereof the words 'one million dollars,' so that said section two, as amended, shall read as follows:

**'Sec. 2. Amount of property which may be held increased to \$1,000,000.** Said corporation shall elect such officers as it deems necessary and may take, hold and convey real and personal property not exceeding one million dollars, appoint a board of management for any home provided for the purposes of charity or of this act, make regulations for the admission of persons to such home, and their discharge therefrom, adopt a constitution and by-laws not inconsistent with the laws of this state, and regulate the holding of stock in said corporation and the rights of the stockholders in the property thereof, and do all other acts necessary to the establishment and management of such home, not forbidden by the laws of this state.'

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