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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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of any extinct or disbanded Universalist church, parish or society within this state in trust to apply the same to pay the debts, if any, of such extinct or disbanded church, parish or society, and to use any surplus for the purposes and obligations of the Maine Universalist Convention, and may sell and convert such property and effects into money; provided, however, that in the sale and disposition of property so devolving on the said Maine Universalist Convention, the said convention may be deemed in respect to the right and power of possession, control, disposal and conveyance, the legal successor of such extinct or disbanded Universalist church, parish or society; and in the case of sale of such property said Maine Universalist Convention shall apply to the superior or the supreme judicial court in equity within the county where such property is situated for a judicial decree authorizing the sale thereof, and after such notice of said application as the court may direct, such decree shall be authority for making such sale.

Sec. 2. Prerequisite of taking possession. A finding by the executive committee of the Maine Universalist Convention to the effect that no church service has been held under the auspices of such church, parish or society during a period of two years or that such church, parish or society is extinct or disbanded, shall be a prerequisite for the taking of possession by such convention through its duly authorized officers of the property of such church, parish or society, and for the bringing of the court proceedings, hereinbefore described.

Sec. 3. Notice of sale. Before the sale of any property as hereinbefore provided, notice of such sale shall be published at least two weeks before the date of sale. The decree of court authorizing the sale of such property shall be recorded in the registry of deeds for the county or counties in which the property is situated.

Approved March 6, 1931.

Chapter 35.

AN ACT to Amend the Charter of the City of Saco.

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

Sec. 1. Tenure of office of members of fire department; removals from office. The chief engineer and any member of the fire department in the city of Saco hereafter appointed or elected, shall hold office continuously during good behavior unless incapacitated through physical or mental disability from performing the duties of his position; provided, however, that

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the mayor of the city, with the consent of the majority of the board of aldermen, may remove the chief engineer or any member of the fire department for just cause and for reasons specifically given by the officer or board ordering the removal.

Sec. 2. Notice to persons in cases of removal. The person sought to be removed shall have notice and shall be furnished with a copy of the reasons required to be given in section one and shall be allowed a reasonable time to answer the same in writing. A copy of such reasons, notice and answer and of the order of removal shall be made a matter of public record of the fire department.

Sec. 3. Local referendum provided for. This act shall not be effective until the same has been approved by a majority vote of the inhabitants of said city, qualified to vote in municipal affairs, at any municipal election held before December thirty-first, nineteen hundred thirty-two. The city clerk shall reduce the subject-matter to the following question: "Shall the city accept the provisions of the act relating to the tenure of the office of the chief engineer and members of the fire department," and the voters shall indicate by a cross placed within a square upon their ballots, opposite the words "Yes" or "No", their opinion of the same.

Sec. 4. Inconsistent acts repealed. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act, are hereby repealed.

Approved March 7, 1931.

Chapter 36.

AN ACT to Legalize and Make Valid Certain Doings of the Cumberland Bar Association.

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

Certain acts of Cumberland Bar Association validated. The act of the Cumberland Bar Association, a voluntary association, of attorneys at law, resident in the county of Cumberland, as it existed on April twelve, nineteen hundred eighteen in authorizing by its vote taken at a meeting held in Portland, in said county, on April twelve, nineteen hundred eighteen, the transfer to Cumberland Bar Association, a corporation created by the provisions of chapter thirty of the private and special laws of nineteen hundred seventeen, of all the property and rights theretofore held by the said voluntary association, the Cumberland Bar Association, under and by virtue of the terms of the will of Henry B. Cleaves, deceased, and the act of Benjamin Thompson, president of the said voluntary association, the