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Chapter 171.

AN ACT Relating to Time Limit for Adjusting Fire Losses.

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

R. S., c. 60, § 9, amended. Section 9 of chapter 60 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows :

'Sec. 9. Relating to time limit for adjusting and paying fire losses; penalty. In case of ~~loss or damage~~ physical loss by fire to property insured by any ~~fire insurance~~ company transacting insurance business in this state, said company or its representative shall begin adjustment of such loss within 20 days after the receipt of the notice provided for by section 5 of this chapter; but no fire insurance company shall pay any loss or damage until after the expiration of 45 days from the date when ~~proof of loss is executed~~ the statement of loss referred to in section 5 is filed with the company; provided that nothing contained in this section shall prevent the payment of a loss to any property owner when the aggregate loss under all policies covering the risk does not exceed \$100; provided, also, that upon application from an insurance company or its authorized representative, written permission to make earlier payment on any loss may be given said company or its authorized representative by the insurance commissioner, and immediately upon ~~issuing~~ issuance of such permit, the insurance commissioner shall notify and grant permits to any other companies known to be interested in the risk. For any violation of this section the insurance commissioner may suspend the authority of the company to transact business in this state for such length of time, not exceeding one year, as he may deem advisable.'

Approved March 25, 1933.

Chapter 172.

AN ACT Creating an Art Commission.

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

Sec. 1. Art commission created. There shall be an art commission created for the state consisting of 3 members who shall be appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the council; in the first instance 1 for a term of 1 year, 1 for a term of 2 years, and 1 for a term of 3 years, and thereafter 1 commissioner shall be appointed each year for a term of 3 years. The commission shall serve without compensation, but shall be allowed necessary expenses to be paid from the appropriation of the executive department. The commission shall have power to adopt its own rules and regulations.

Sec. 2. Powers and duties. The commission shall act in an advisory capacity relative to the creation, acquisition, construction, erection or remodeling by the state of any work of art. The commission shall file with the governor, within 30 days, its opinion of such proposed work of art together with such suggestions and recommendations as it may deem proper. The term "work of art" as used in this section shall include any painting, portrait, mural decoration, stained glass, statue, tablet, bas-relief, ornament, fountain or any other article or structure of a permanent character intended for decoration or commemoration.

The commission shall act in an advisory capacity relative to the artistic character of any building constructed, erected or remodeled by the state, or upon land owned by the state, and when, upon request of the governor, there shall be submitted to said commission any plan relating to such construction, erection or remodeling of any such building, accompanied by designs, descriptions, specifications, drawings or models sufficient to enable the commission to determine the artistic character of such building, the commission shall file with the governor, within 30 days after such submission, its opinion of such proposed building together with such suggestions and recommendations as it may deem proper. The term building as used in this section, shall include structures intended for human occupation and use, and also bridges, arches, gates, walls or other permanent structures of any character.

No painting, portrait, statue or tablet shall be accepted or placed in the state house without the permission of the commission. The commission shall advise the superintendent of buildings where to hang paintings, portraits, and pictures and where to place statues and other works of art.

Approved March 25, 1933.

Chapter 173.

AN ACT Authorizing Life Insurance Companies Organized Under the Laws of Maine to Pay Pensions.

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

Sec. 1. Pensions may be paid by life insurance companies. Any life insurance company organized under the laws of this state, by vote of not less than a majority of its board of directors, may grant a pension to any officer or employee who has been continuously in the service of the company for not less than 15 years and who has become incapacitated for further service by reason of physical or mental disability resulting from sickness or injury, or who is retiring by reason of the infirmities of age. No such pension shall exceed 1-3 of the average salary of the officer or