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Sec. 14. R. S., T. 13, § 901, amended. Section 901 of Title 13 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 2 of chapter 495 of the public laws of 1965, is further amended to read as follows:

§ 901. Organization

When 7 or more persons desire to be incorporated as proprietors of a social, military, literary, scientific or county law library; as a Masonic lodge or chapter of any order or degree; as a Masonic association consisting of members of different orders or degrees; as a lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; as a lodge of the Knights of Pythias; as a tribe of the Improved Order of Redmen; as a division of the Sons of Temperance; as a tent of the Rechabites; as a grange of Patrons of Husbandry; as a Council of the Sovereigns of Industry; as a lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; as a Grand Army Post; as an American Legion Post; as a Veterans of Foreign Wars Post; as a Council of the Boy Scouts of America; as a relief or benefit association for mutual assistance; as a cemetery association; as a monument or memorial association; as a society to promote temperance; as a village improvement society; as an association for the promotion of good municipal government; as a chamber of commerce or board of trade; as a chapter of the Disabled American Veterans; as a post of the American Veterans of World War II; as a local citizens' group to foster, encourage and assist the physical location, settlement or resettlement of ~~industry~~ **industrial, manufacturing, fishing, agricultural** and other business enterprises and recreational projects in any locality within the State; as a yacht club; or for the purpose of preserving and maintaining a family homestead and the rights of descendants and of members of the family therein; or for any literary, scientific, musical, charitable, educational, social, military, agricultural, moral, religious or benevolent purpose; they may apply in writing to any justice of the peace in the county, who may issue his warrant, directed to one of said applicants, requiring him to call a meeting thereof at such time and place as the justice may appoint.

Sec. 15. R. S., T. 13, § 932, amended. The first sentence of the 2nd paragraph of section 932 of Title 13 of the Revised Statutes is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

Corporations formed under this chapter for the purposes of fostering, encouraging and assisting the physical location, settlement and resettlement of industrial, manufacturing, fishing, agricultural and other business enterprises and recreational projects in any locality within the State shall have the power to use, sell, convey, mortgage, lease or rent real or personal property and to do any and all things necessary to carry out the purposes of such corporation.

Effective April 26, 1968

Chapter 526

AN ACT Creating the State Witness Immunity Act.

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

R. S., T. 15, § 1314-A, additional. Title 15 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 1314-A, to read as follows:

§ 1314-A. Compelling evidence in criminal proceedings; immunity

In any criminal proceeding before a court or grand jury, if a person refuses to answer questions or produce evidence of any kind on the ground that he may be incriminated thereby, and if the prosecuting attorney, in writing, and with the written approval of the Attorney General, requests the court to order that person to answer the questions or produce the evidence, and the court after notice to the witness and hearing shall so order, unless it finds to do so would be clearly contrary to the public interest, that person shall comply with the order. After complying, and if, but for this section, he would have had the right to withhold the answers given or the evidence produced by him, that person shall not be prosecuted or subjected to penalty or forfeiture for or on account of any transaction, matter or thing concerning which, in accordance with the order, he gave answer or produced evidence. Failure to answer questions or produce evidence as ordered by the court following notice and hearing shall constitute contempt of court. He may nevertheless be prosecuted or subjected to penalty or forfeiture for any perjury, false swearing or contempt committed in answering, or failing to answer, or in producing or failing to produce evidence, in accordance with the order.

Effective April 26, 1968

Chapter 527

AN ACT to Allow Research in Irish Moss.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 12, § 3703, amended. Section 3703 of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

§ 3703. Research by private interests

Any person or corporation interested in scientific research relating to shellfish, or other fish over which the commissioner has supervision, or in the cultivation and development of the shellfish industry or the seaweeds, including but not limited to Irish moss, for economic purposes, may apply to the commissioner setting forth the desire to make experiments relative to the cultivation and, conservation and harvesting of particular marine species or seaweeds. Upon receipt of the application by the commissioner, the following procedure must be followed:

1. Commissioner to be satisfied certain requirements are met before notice of hearing. The commissioner shall give notice of a hearing on the application if he is satisfied that all the following provisions are met: