

**THE INSURANCE CODE OF 1956 (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 218 of 1956**

**500.5218 Increase or decrease of capital stock; authorization by commissioner; approval by stockholders; vote; final approval; par value of stock; issuance of new stock.**

Sec. 5218. (1) A domestic stock property, marine, inland navigation and transportation, or automobile (limited) insurer may increase or decrease its capital stock in the manner herein provided. When any such insurer proposes to increase or decrease its capital stock it shall first present its petition to the commissioner, setting forth the reasons for such increase or decrease. The commissioner, if satisfied that the proposed increase or decrease is for the best interests of the insurer and its policyholders, and that no reasonable objection exists thereto, may authorize and approve the proposed plan of increase or decrease, or may direct such modification thereof as may seem proper.

(2) After the approval of the petition as aforesaid, such increase or decrease must be approved, and the articles of incorporation amended in this respect, by the affirmative vote of not less than 2/3 of the capital stock of the insurer, voting in person or by proxy, at a regular or special meeting of the stockholders, but notice of such meeting, reciting the purposes thereof, shall be served on each of the stockholders, either personally or by directing same through the post office to the last known post office address of such stockholder at least 3 weeks previous to such meeting.

(3) Such increase or decrease shall not become effective until finally approved by the commissioner, and until compliance is made with the requirements of section 5214.

(4) Whenever any insurer shall increase or decrease its capital stock as herein provided, the par value of its shares shall be fixed at not less than \$1.00 nor more than \$100.00 each, and the directors of the insurer shall have authority to make provision for calling in the old and issuing new certificates of stock.

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