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ACTS AND RESOLVES

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STATE OF MAINE.

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CHAP. 144.

Chapter 144.

An act to amend section twenty-seven of chapter three of the revised statutes relating to town and city by-laws and ordinances.

Be it enacted by the senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :

Ch. 3, sec. 27,
R. S. amended.

By-laws
respecting erec-
tion of wooden
buildings.

SECT. 1. The seventh specification of section twenty-seven of the third chapter of the revised statutes is amended so as to read as follows: Seventh—Respecting the erection of wooden buildings, or buildings the exterior of which shall be in part of wood therein and defining their proportions and dimensions; and any building erected contrary to a by-law or ordinance adopted under this specification shall be deemed a nuisance and dealt with accordingly.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

[Approved February 29, 1860.]

Chapter 145.

An act additional to chapter twenty-six of the revised statutes relating to fire engines.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :

Towns may
prescribe rules
for care and
management of
fire engines and
apparatus.

—for employ-
ment of men.

—for appoint-
ment of officers.

Officers so
chosen have
powers of fire-
wards.

—towns liable
for acts of.

SECT. 1. Any city or town in this state, which has provided, or may hereafter provide, fire engines, hose, ladders, or other apparatus for the extinguishment of fires, or the preservation of life or property from destruction at fires, may by ordinances, or by-laws, passed by the city council of such city, or the inhabitants of such town, from time to time prescribe rules and regulations for the care and management of such apparatus, in all particulars, for the employment, compensation and discharge of men for working the same, whether engine men or other persons; and for the appointment of officers to govern such men when on duty and take charge of such apparatus, as well as to prescribe the style, rank, powers and duties of such officers.

SECT. 2. The engineers, or other officers chosen by any city or town under the provisions of any such ordinance or by-law, shall, within the limits of their respective precincts, have and exercise in addition to the powers and duties conferred upon them by such ordinance or by-law, all the powers and duties of firewards as defined in the chapter to which this is additional, except so far as the same may be limited or restrained by the provisions of the ordinance or by-law under which they may be chosen; and such cities and towns shall be responsible for the acts or orders of their

said officers, to the same extent and in the same manner as towns are now by law liable for the acts or orders of firewards in similar cases. And the firemen and engine men, who may be employed by virtue of the provisions of any such ordinance or by-law, shall have all the powers and privileges, and be subject to all the duties and liabilities of engine men, as prescribed in the act to which this is additional.

CHAP. 146.

Powers, privileges and duties of men so employed.

[Approved March 5, 1860.]

Chapter 146.

An act to establish the county of Knox.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :

SECT. 1. The towns of Appleton, Camden, Hope, North Haven, and Vinalhaven, in the county of Waldo, and Cushing, Friendship, Rockland, South Thomaston, St. George, Thomaston, Union, Warren and Washington, the plantations of Martinicus and of Muscle Ridge, in the county of Lincoln, are constituted a county by the name of Knox, which shall have all the powers, privileges and immunities, and be subject to all the duties and obligations of other counties in the state by the constitution and laws thereof. The shire town of the county of Knox shall be Rockland.

Knox county established.

Shire town.

SECT. 2. There shall be annually held in said county three terms of the supreme judicial court, for the transaction of business cognizable by one justice thereof, on the second Tuesday of February, first Tuesday of May, and fourth Tuesday of October. And said county shall compose a part of the middle judicial district for the determination of all questions of law.

Terms of S. J. court regulated.

Middle judicial district.

SECT. 3. There shall be a probate court in said county, to be held in the shire town thereof, at the times designated by the judge thereof, or by law, with the same powers and duties as other probate courts in the state.

Probate court.

SECT. 4. There shall be three terms of the court of county commissioners in said county, to be held on the first Tuesday of April, August and December, with the same powers and duties as other such courts in the state.

Court of county commissioners.

SECT. 5. All civil processes commenced or pending in the supreme judicial court in the counties of Lincoln or Waldo, on the thirty-first day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty, affecting the title to real estate situated in the county of Knox, or wherein both parties reside in said county, or wherein the defendants reside in said county, and the plaintiffs

Civil processes transferred from Lincoln and Waldo.