

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

115-

OF THE

FORTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1870.

Published by the Secretary of State, agreeably to Resolves of June 28, 1820,
February 26, 1840, and March 16, 1842.

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1870.

PUBLIC LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE.
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Chapter 172.

An act to amend an act entitled "an act to amend section ten of chapter eighty-seven of the revised statutes," relating to the survival of actions, approved March eleventh, eighteen hundred and seventy.

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

SECT. 1. Section one of the act entitled "an act to amend section ten of chapter eighty-seven of the revised statutes," approved March eleventh, eighteen hundred and seventy, is amended by adding to said section the following words: "and the survivors, if there are any, on both sides of the action, may testify as witnesses."

Public laws 1870, chap. 128, relating to survival of actions, amended.

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

Approved March 23, 1870.

Chapter 173.

An act to promote immigration and to facilitate the settlement of the public lands.

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

SECT. 1. There shall be a board of immigration in this state, composed of the governor, secretary of state, and land agent, but the members of said board shall receive no compensation for the services they may render by virtue of this act.

Board of immigration established.

SECT. 2. It shall be the duty of said board to collect statistics and other useful information concerning the climate, soil, and resources of the state, and the amount of the unsettled lands, together with the terms offered by the state to settlers, and such other information as said board may deem proper, and to cause the same to be printed and translated into the Scandinavian languages, and distributed in Sweden, Norway, and such other countries as may be deemed desirable, and best calculated to promote the purposes of this act; *provided* the whole amount expended for this purpose shall not exceed the sum of five hundred dollars.

Duty of board.

SECT. 3. Said board may appoint some suitable person as agent, to proceed to Sweden or Norway for the purpose of obtaining a first colony of immigrants, and superintending their passage to this state and their settlement on the public lands; and the salary and entire expenses of such agent shall not exceed the sum of three thousand dollars.

Agent, appointment, duties and salary of.

SECT. 4. The agent aforesaid shall be sent out for the purposes herein provided as early as practicable in the year eighteen hundred and seventy, and shall return with the colony as soon thereafter as may be.

Agent to visit Sweden and Norway.

CHAP. 174.

Settlement of first colony of immigrants.

SECT. 5. The board aforesaid may cause said first colony of immigrants to be settled on any of the public lands of the state not otherwise appropriated, and assign to each head of a family and male member of the colony twenty-one years of age, one hundred acres of land, and the land agent shall, at the expiration of said five years, cause each of the persons aforesaid to whom lots have been thus assigned to receive a deed of warranty, or other valid title of the lot thus assigned them; *provided* each of said persons has established his residence on the lot assigned him, and has built him a comfortable house thereon, and has cleared not less than fifteen acres of land, within the time aforesaid, ten of which shall be laid down to grass; and all the immigrants thus settled shall be exempt from state taxation until January first, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six.

To be exempt from taxation.

Advances may be made to colony if their circumstances require it, by the board.

SECT. 6. The board aforesaid may, if in their opinion the circumstances of said first colony of immigrants upon their arrival shall require it, cause advances to be made to them of such provisions, tools and implements, as may be necessary to enable them to commence labor; *provided* the whole amount thus expended shall not exceed one thousand dollars.

Proviso.

SECT. 7. The governor is hereby authorized to draw his warrant upon the treasurer for any of the sums specified in this act.

SECT. 8. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed, and this act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 23, 1870.

Chapter 174.

An act to repeal the acts consolidated in the revised statutes of the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy.

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

SECT. 1. The public acts passed during the years hereafter named and herein designated are repealed, except so far as they are preserved or excepted in the following sections; but no other acts are hereby repealed:

Enumeration of acts repealed by revision of statutes.

1857. All the chapters of the revised statutes of eighteen hundred and fifty-seven, numbered one to one hundred and forty-three, inclusive.

1858. Chapters numbered one to fifty-four inclusive, except chapters nine, twenty, twenty-two, forty-nine and fifty.

1859. Chapters numbered fifty-five to one hundred and twenty-four, inclusive, except chapters fifty-seven, sixty-five, eighty-three, eighty-eight, ninety, one hundred and nineteen, and one hundred and twenty-two.