

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

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OF THE

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Chapter 8.**CHAP. 8.**

An act to change the place of holding the supreme judicial court in the county of Somerset and to change the shire town of Somerset county.

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

SECT. 1. The several terms of the supreme judicial court which are now required to be holden at Norridgewock, in and for the county of Somerset, shall after the first day of March, in the present year, be holden at Skowhegan, in said county; and all writs, processes of any kind, and all proceedings shall after that time be made returnable accordingly; and all writs, processes and proceedings commenced prior to that time and which would otherwise be returnable to the March term of said court at Norridgewock, shall be entered and have day in said court at Skowhegan.

Terms of supreme court changed from Norridgewock to Skowhegan.

Writs and processes returnable to court at Skowhegan.

SECT. 2. Within five years from the passage of this act the county commissioners of the county of Somerset, or a majority of them, are hereby authorized, empowered and required to cause a court house to be erected at Skowhegan, suitable for the accommodation of the courts and offices of said county, and to procure a loan of money for that purpose, and assess taxes for the payment of the same in such amounts and at such times as in their judgment shall be most advantageous to the interests of said county.

Court house, erection of.

Loan, to procure.

Loan, how paid.

SECT. 3. The previous sections of this act shall be void and of no effect unless the town of Skowhegan or its citizens shall on or before the first day of March, in the present year, without expense to said county of Somerset, provide suitable room and other accommodations for said court and officers, to the acceptance of a majority of said county commissioners, and shall execute and deliver to them a good and sufficient lease or other instrument to secure the use thereof to said county for the purposes aforesaid during said five years, if the same shall be occupied so long for the purposes specified in this act, and shall also convey or secure the conveyance in like manner of a suitable site for county buildings in said Skowhegan.

Accommodations for court, how furnished.

Site for county buildings, to convey.

SECT. 4. The county commissioners shall forthwith, after rooms for the accommodation of the court and officers as specified in section three of this act have been provided, cause the records in all the county offices, including the registry of deeds, registry of probate, the records of the county commissioners and the records and files of all the courts which now are or have been held in said county, to the places prepared for them in Skowhegan, which from that time forward shall be the shire town of said county, and said commissioners shall cause notice of the fact that suitable rooms have been furnished as provided in section three of this act, and of the removal of the records as aforesaid, by publication in all the

County records to be deposited in Skowhegan.

Skowhegan to be shire town.

CHAP. 9.

Notice of change of shire town, how given.

Skowhegan authorized to raise money.

Money, how raised.

public newspapers printed in said county, also in the state paper and the Lewiston Daily Journal, and to be continued in all the daily and weekly issues of each of said papers for three weeks successively thereafter.

SECT. 5. The inhabitants of Skowhegan are hereby authorized to raise money for the purposes named in this act by loan or otherwise. Taxes therefor may be assessed at such times and in such amounts as said town may vote.

SECT. 6. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

SECT. 7. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved February 16, 1872.

Chapter 9.

An act additional to chapter five of the revised statutes relating to trespass on public lands.

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

Teams, implements and supplies, seized for trespass on public lands, to be sold by land agent at auction.

SECT. 1. Whenever any teams, implements, apparatus and supplies are or shall be seized under the provisions of section seven of chapter five of the revised statutes, the land agent shall cause the same to be sold at public auction by giving notice of the time and place of sale at least two weeks in some newspaper published in the county where the trespass was alleged to have been committed, and the proceeds, after deducting expenses, charges and fees, shall be paid into the state treasury and an account rendered thereof by the land agent to the governor and council at once.

Retrospective.

SECT. 2. This act shall apply to seizures made before the passage of this act.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved February 16, 1872.

Chapter 10.

An act to repeal section thirty-seven, chapter five of the revised statutes, relating to the deeds given by settlers upon the public lands.

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

R. S., chap. 5, sect. 37, prohibiting conveyance by settlers of public lots, without the consent of wife, repealed.

Section thirty-seven of chapter five of the revised statutes, relating to the right of the purchaser of public lots to convey without consent of his wife, is hereby repealed.

Approved February 16, 1872.