

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

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OF THE

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CHAP. 259.

SECT. 3. Every railroad corporation embraced in section one of this act, shall annually pay a tax of one and one half per cent. upon its corporate franchise, as determined in the preceding section. Such tax shall be assessed by the governor and council on or before the first day of May of each year; and upon such assessment being made, the secretary of state shall certify the same to the state treasurer, who shall thereupon notify the several companies thereof, and the tax so assessed shall be in lieu of all taxes on shares in the said railroad corporation as heretofore required by law, and no tax shall be assessed by municipal authorities on any shares therein for municipal or other purposes. Said tax to be paid, one half on or before the first day of July then next, and one half on or before the first day of January then next. Any corporation neglecting to make returns according to provisions of this act, shall forfeit fifty dollars per day for every day's neglect so to do, to be recovered by an action of debt, brought in the name of the state; and in case of such neglect, the governor and council shall proceed to make the assessment of tax prescribed herein, on such valuation as they may think just, with such evidence as they may be able to obtain; and from such assessment there shall exist no right of appeal on the part of the company failing to make the returns as aforesaid. And if any corporation fails to pay the tax required by this act, the state treasurer may forthwith commence an action of contract, in the name of the state, for the recovery of the same with interest.

Tax, rate of.

—how assessed.

—to be certified to state treasurer.

—notice of, to companies.

—in lieu of all other taxes.

—when to be paid.

Neglect to make returns, penalty for.

—in case of, assessment how made.

Assessment, no appeal from.

Non-payment of tax, proceedings in case of.

SECT. 4. When such tax is paid, it shall be the duty of the state treasurer to credit to each town in which shareholders resided on the first day of April preceding, such proportion of said tax as the number of shares owned in said town bears to the whole number thereof, the remainder to be retained for the use of the state.

Tax, certain portion of, to be credited to towns.

—remainder to be retained by the state.

SECT. 5. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed, and this act shall take effect when approved.

Inconsistent acts repealed.

Approved March 4, 1874.

Chapter 259.

An act additional to chapter twenty-four of the revised statutes respecting liability of railroads for paupers.

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

Any railroad corporation or steamboat company which brings into this state any pauper, knowing him to be such, shall cause

paupers brought into this state by railroad or steam-

CHAP. 260. the removal of any such person, which they are hereby authorized to do. *Provided*, such persons shall be delivered on board a boat of said company, or at a depot of said corporation, by the overseers or municipal officers, requesting such removal; and in default thereof, such corporation or company shall be liable in an action of the case for the expense of the support of such person after such refusal.

boat companies, removal of, by said companies. Proviso.

Liability of companies in case of default.

Approved March 4, 1874.

Chapter 260.

An act concerning the militia.

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

Infantry, number of officers and privates to constitute a company of.

SECT. 1. A company of infantry shall consist of one captain, one first lieutenant, one second lieutenant, one first sergeant, four sergeants, eight corporals, two musicians, one wagoner, not less than forty, nor more than sixty-four privates.

General, field and line officers, term of office established.

SECT. 2. General, field and line officers shall be commissioned for the term of six years.

Inconsistent acts repealed.

SECT. 3. All acts and parts of acts, inconsistent with the provisions of this act, are hereby repealed.

Approved March 4, 1874.

Chapter 261.

An act amendatory of an act concerning the militia.

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

Sec. 96, ch. 307, public laws '65, amendment of.

Section ninety-six, of chapter three hundred and seven, of the public laws of eighteen hundred and sixty-five, is hereby amended by striking out the word "shall," in the first line thereof, and inserting the word 'may.'

Approved March 4, 1874.