

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Chapter 69.

CHAP. 69.

An act to amend section three of chapter seventy-two of the Revised Statutes relating to Probate Bonds.

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

That section three of chapter seventy-two of the revised statutes be and is hereby amended, by striking out the words "after six years from its date," and insert instead thereof 'in the exercise of a just discretion,' so that said section when amended shall read as follows :

Sec. 3, ch. 72,
R. S., amended.

'SECT. 3. On the application of any surety in such bond, the judge of probate, on due notice to all parties interested may, in the exercise of a just discretion, discharge him from all liability for any subsequent, but not for any prior breaches thereof, and require a new bond of the principal, with sureties approved by him.'

Surety on bond
may be discharg-
ed by judge of
probate.

Approved March 15, 1881.

Chapter 70.

An act relating to the Pauper settlement of inmates of the Bath Military and Naval Orphan Asylum.

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

No child shall be held to have acquired a pauper settlement in the city of Bath, by reason of being an inmate of the Bath military and naval orphan asylum, situated in Bath.

Pauper settle-
ment not acquired
by being inmate
of orphan asylum
at Bath.

Approved March 15, 1881.

Chapter 71.

An act to amend chapter two hundred and six of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and eighty, relating to suits by collectors of taxes and the jurisdiction of Trial Justices.

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

Chapter two hundred and six of the public laws of eighteen hundred and eighty is hereby amended by adding thereto the

Ch. 206, public
laws 1880,
amended.

CHAP. 72. following words, 'and no trial justice or judge of any municipal or police court, before whom such suit is brought, shall be deemed incompetent to try the same by reason of his residence in the town assessing said tax,' so that said chapter shall read as follows :

Trial justices or municipal judges competent to try suits brought by collectors of taxes in towns where they reside

'Any collector of taxes, or any executor or administrator of a deceased collector of taxes, may, after due notice, sue in his own name, for any tax in any court competent to try the same, and no trial justice or judge of any municipal or police court, before whom such suit is brought, shall be deemed incompetent to try the same by reason of his residence in the town assessing said tax.'

Approved March 15, 1881.

Chapter 72.

An act concerning the care of abused and neglected children.

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

Municipal officers may on complaint give notice of hearings on cases of alleged abuse of children.

SECT. 1. When complaint in writing, signed by two or more citizens of any town or city alleging that any child within such town or city, is willfully neglected or cruelly treated by its parents, or by the willful fault of such parents is not provided with suitable food, clothing or privileges of education, or is kept at any house of ill-fame, or that such child is an orphan without means of support or kindred of sufficient ability, who will furnish such support, shall be made to the municipal officers of such town or city, such municipal officers shall give notice of a time and place of hearing upon such petition, by serving such notice, with a copy of such petition upon such parents at least two days before such hearing, or by publishing a copy of such petition and notice of hearing in some newspaper in the county where such child resides, at least seven days before such hearing. Said municipal officers shall at the time and place mentioned in said notice, give a hearing to the parties and their witnesses, and if they find that the allegations in the petition are true, and that it is just and expedient to make further provision for the care, education and support of such child, they

Hearings to be given parties and witnesses, and record to be made.