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ACTS AND RESOLVES

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Chapter 312.

An Act to change the time of holding the October and January terms of the Supreme Judicial Court in the county of Washington.

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

Sect. 1. The October and January terms of the supreme judicial court in the county of Washington shall hereafter annually be held on the second Tuesdays of October and January respectively, instead of the first Tuesdays thereof, as now provided by law. All writs and processes which may be made returnable to said court on the first Tuesday in October, eighteen hundred ninety-seven, shall be entered and have day in the term of said court to be held on the second Tuesday in October, eighteen hundred ninety-seven.

Time of holding Oct. and Jan. terms in Washington county, changed.

—writs and processes, when returnable.

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

Approved March 26, 1897.

Chapter 313.

An Act to regulate the sale of Agricultural Seeds.

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

Sect. 1. Every lot of seeds of agricultural plants, whether in bulk or in package, containing one pound or more, and including the seeds of cereals, except sweet corn, grasses, forage plants, vegetables, and garden plants but not including those of trees, shrubs and ornamental plants, which is sold, offered or exposed for sale for seed by any person or persons in Maine, shall be accompanied by a written or printed guarantee of its percentage of purity, freedom from foreign matter; provided, that mixtures may be sold as such when the percentages of the various constituents are stated.

Every lot of seeds of agricultural plants offered for sale shall be accompanied by guarantee of percentage of purity.

Sect. 2. Dealers may base their guarantees upon tests conducted by themselves, their agents, or by the director of the Maine Agricultural Experiment Station; provided, that such tests shall be made under such conditions as the said director may prescribe.

How guarantees may be based.

Sect. 3. The results of all tests of seeds made by said director shall be published by him in the bulletins or reports of the

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—director shall publish standard of purity.

Punishment for violation.

Penalty for wrongly marking seeds with intent to deceive.

Shall not apply to cereals sold for food.

Prosecutions for violations shall be by secretary of board of agriculture.

Inconsistent acts, repealed.

When act shall take effect.

experiment station, together with the names of the person or persons from whom the samples of seeds were obtained. The said director shall also publish equitable standards of purity together with such other information concerning agricultural seeds as may be of public benefit.

Sect. 4. Any person or persons who shall sell, offer or expose for sale or for distribution in this state agricultural seeds without complying with the requirements of sections one and two of this act, shall, on conviction in a court of competent jurisdiction, be fined not to exceed one hundred dollars for the first offense, and not to exceed two hundred dollars for each subsequent offense.

Sect. 5. Any person or persons who shall, with intention to deceive, wrongly mark or label any package or bag containing garden or vegetable seeds or any other agricultural seeds, not including those of trees, shrubs and ornamental plants, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction in a court of competent jurisdiction shall be fined not to exceed one hundred dollars for the first offense and not to exceed two hundred dollars for each subsequent offense.

Sect. 6. The provisions of this act shall not apply to any person or persons growing or selling cereals and other seeds for food.

Sect. 7. Whenever the director of the Maine Agricultural Experiment Station becomes cognizant of the violation of any of the provisions of this act, he shall report such violation to the secretary of the board of agriculture, and said secretary shall prosecute the party or parties thus reported.

Sect. 8. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

Sect. 9. This act shall take effect September one, eighteen hundred ninety-seven.

Approved March 26, 1897.