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OF THE

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tive to the advisability of the state, or the city of Portland, constructing and building into the tide waters of said harbor, a state or municipal dock; and such further legislation respecting the control thereof, as said commission may deem necessary and advisable for the public interests.

Sec. 2. Commission to serve without pay. The members of the commission hereby created, shall serve without compensation.

Sec. 3. Survey not to be made unless so directed. Said commission shall not make, nor cause to be made, any survey of the navigable waters of said Harbor, unless, upon application to the governor and council, the latter shall determine that the surveys made by the United States, are not sufficient for the purposes herein contemplated, and give directions for such further surveys to be made.

Approved March 16, 1917.

Chapter 28.

Resolve in Favor of the Board of Dental Examiners, for Equipment, Printing and Postage.

Board of Dental Examiners. Resolved: That there be appropriated in favor of the board of dental examiners the sum of three hundred dollars, for the year nineteen hundred seventeen, for the purchase of twelve operating tables, a steel cabinet for the secretary's files, printing and postage.

Approved March 16, 1917.

Chapter 29.

Resolve, Appropriating Money for Expenses of the Electoral College.

Electoral college. Resolved: That there be appropriated the sum of three hundred seventy-five dollars, to defray the expenses of the electoral college of nineteen hundred and seventeen.

Approved March 16, 1917.

Chapter 30.

Resolve, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of the State of Maine Relative to the Tenure of the Office of Sheriff.

Constitutional amendment relative to tenure of sheriff. Resolved: Two-thirds of the legislature concurring, that the following amendment to the constitution of the State of Maine be proposed:

Section ten of article nine of the constitution is hereby amended by striking out all that part of said section ten after the word "election" in the fourth line of said section as printed with the revised statutes of nineteen hundred and sixteen, and inserting in the place thereof the following: 'unless sooner removed as hereinafter provided. Whenever the governor and coun-

cil upon complaint, due notice and hearing shall find that a sheriff is not faithfully or efficiently performing any duty imposed upon him by law, the governor may remove such sheriff from office and with the advice and consent of the council appoint another sheriff in his place for the remainder of the term for which such removed sheriff was elected. All vacancies in the office of sheriff, other than those caused by removal in the manner aforesaid, shall be filled in the same manner as is provided in the case of judges and registers of probate,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows :

'Section 10. Sheriffs shall be elected by the people of their respective counties, by a plurality of the votes given in on the second Monday of September, and shall hold their office for two years from the first day of January next after their election, unless sooner removed as hereinafter provided.

Whenever the governor and council upon complaint, due notice and hearing shall find that a sheriff is not faithfully or efficiently performing any duty imposed upon him by law, the governor may remove such sheriff from office and with the advice and consent of the council appoint another sheriff in his place for the remainder of the term for which such removed sheriff was elected. All vacancies in the office of sheriff, other than those caused by removal in the manner aforesaid shall be filled in the same manner as is provided in the case of judges and registers of probate.'

Date of vote. Resolved, that the aldermen of cities, the selectmen of towns, and the assessors of the several plantations in this state are hereby empowered and directed to notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations to meet in the manner prescribed by law for calling and holding biennial meetings of said inhabitants for the election of senators and representatives, on the second Monday in September following the passage of this resolve, to give in their votes upon the amendment proposed in the foregoing resolution, and the question shall be: "Shall the constitution be amended as proposed by a resolution of the legislature granting to the governor, by the consent and advice of the council, the power to remove sheriffs who do not faithfully and efficiently perform the duties imposed upon them by law, and to appoint another sheriff in his place for the remainder of the term for which such removed sheriff was elected?"

And the inhabitants of said cities, towns and plantations shall vote by ballot on said question, those in favor of the amendment expressing it by the word "Yes" upon their ballots and those opposed to the amendment by the word "No" upon their ballots, and the ballots shall be received, sorted, counted, and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings, and returns made to the office of secretary of state in the same manner as votes for governor and members of the legislature, and the governor and council shall count the same, and if it shall appear that a majority of the inhabitants voting on the question are in favor of the amendment, the same shall thereupon become a part of the constitution, and the governor shall forthwith make known the fact by his proclamation.

Notification of municipalities. Resolved, that the secretary of state shall prepare and furnish to the several cities, towns and plantations ballots and

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blank returns in conformity with the foregoing resolves accompanied by a copy thereof.

Approved March 19, 1917.

Chapter 31.

Resolve, Reimbursing the Town of Chester for Expenses on Account of a State Pauper.

Town of Chester. Resolved: That the sum of twenty-eight dollars be, and hereby is, appropriated to be paid to the town of Chester, to reimburse said town for money expended for the burial of Frank Le Briton, a state pauper.

Approved March 19, 1917.

Chapter 32.

Resolve, Reimbursing the City of Auburn for Money Expended for the Support of Certain State Paupers.

City of Auburn. Resolved: That the sum of seven hundred eighty-six dollars and eighty-two cents be, and hereby is, appropriated to be paid to the city of Auburn, to reimburse said city for the amount expended for the support of Joseph Dulac and George J. Schlag, state paupers.

Approved March 19, 1917.

Chapter 33.

Resolve, Reimbursing the Town of Wilton for Money Expended for the Support of Certain State Paupers.

Town of Wilton. Resolved: That the sum of twelve hundred and ninety-five dollars be, and hereby is, appropriated for the purpose of reimbursing the town of Wilton for the money expended on account of Audubon S. Wilson and family, state paupers; and that the state treasurer be, and hereby is, authorized to pay and deliver said sum of twelve hundred and ninety-five dollars to the treasurer of said town of Wilton.

Approved March 19, 1917.

Chapter 34.

Resolve, Making an Appropriation for the Purpose of Public Instruction in Forestry.

Public instruction in forestry. Resolved: That the sum of five thousand dollars be, and hereby is, appropriated for the year nineteen hundred and seventeen, and the sum of five thousand dollars for the year nineteen hundred and eighteen, for the purpose of public instruction in forestry; said fund to be administered by the same board of commissioners and in the same manner as heretofore (revised statutes, chapter eight, section sixty-six), except that if a state forester be appointed he shall take the place of the forest commissioner on this board.

Approved March 22, 1917.