

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES  
AS PASSED BY THE  
Ninety-first and Ninety-second  
Legislatures  
OF THE  
STATE OF MAINE

From April 10, 1943 to April 21, 1945  
AND MISCELLANEOUS STATE PAPERS  
From April 10, 1943 to May 24, 1945

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**PUBLIC LAWS**  
OF THE  
**STATE OF MAINE**

As Passed by the Ninety-second Legislature

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collect from the proper local authorities such other information pertaining to municipal affairs as in its judgment may be of public interest. All accounting and other officials and custodians of public money of cities, towns, plantations, or village corporations shall fill out properly and return promptly to the state department of audit all schedules transmitted by it to them.'

Effective July 21, 1945

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## Chapter 85

### AN ACT Relating to the Solemnizing of Marriages.

*Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:*

R. S., c. 153, § 11, amended. Section 11 of chapter 153 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 11. Persons authorized to solemnize marriages; secretary of state to issue license; license or certified copy to be received as evidence; revocation of license; penalty. Every justice of the peace and every notary public residing in this state may solemnize marriages therein. Every ordained minister of the gospel, clergyman engaged in the service of the religious body to which he belongs, or person licensed to preach by an association of ministers, religious seminary, or ecclesiastical body, whether a resident or non-resident of this state, and of either sex, may solemnize marriages therein after being licensed for that purpose, upon application duly filed with the secretary of state, as herein provided. Such application shall be made upon blanks furnished by the secretary of state, which shall be signed by the applicant and set forth the necessary facts in the premises, which facts shall be certified to by the clerk, treasurer, or any of the municipal officers of the town wherein the applicant resides, or wherein the ceremony is to be performed. Upon receipt of such application the secretary of state shall issue to the applicant a license under the seal of the state to the effect that he is authorized to solemnize marriages in this state. Such license or a certified copy thereof shall be received as evidence in all courts of his authority in the premises, and a copy of the record of any marriage solemnized by such licensee, duly made and kept, and attested or sworn to by the clerk of the town in which the marriage intention was recorded or in which the marriage was solemnized, shall be received in all courts as evidence of the fact of marriage. ~~Such license shall continue until revoked by the governor for cause, after notice and an opportunity to be heard~~

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thereon. In the event the applicant shall cease to be an ordained minister of the gospel, a clergyman engaged in the service of the religious body to which he belongs, or a person licensed to preach by an association of ministers, religious seminary, or ecclesiastical body, or a resident of the state, such license shall thereupon terminate and within 10 days thereafter the applicant shall notify the secretary of state to this effect and thereupon the secretary of state shall revoke such license. Such license may also be revoked by the governor for cause, after notice and an opportunity to be heard thereon. If any person wilfully neglects or refuses to perform any duty imposed upon him by the provisions of this section, he shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100 for each offense, for the use of the town in which the offense occurred, and the state registrar of vital statistics shall enforce the provisions of this section as far as it comes within his power and shall notify the county attorney of the county in which said penalty should be enforced of the facts that have come to his knowledge, and upon receipt of such notice the county attorney shall prosecute the defaulting person or persons.'

Effective July 21, 1945

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## Chapter 86

### AN ACT Relating to State Police Retirement System.

*Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:*

R. S., c. 13, § 21, amended. Section 21 of chapter 13 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 21. State police retirement system; limitation. Any member of the state police who shall have served as a member thereof for 20 or more years with a good record shall upon request in writing to the chief of the state police be retired from active service and placed upon the pension rolls, and receive thereafter  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the pay per year that is paid to a member of his grade at the time of his retirement. ~~Provided, however, that no member shall be retired under the provisions of sections 21 and 22 for the duration of the present war emergency or 6 months thereafter, unless he has reached the age of 65, or unless the governor and council shall determine that because of physical disability he is no longer able to carry on the duties of his office. Provided further that this section shall apply only to persons who were members of the state police on July 9, 1943.~~

Effective July 21, 1945