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BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Lund of Augusta.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-TWO

AN ACT to Grant Adult Rights to Persons Eighteen Years of Age.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 1, § 72, sub-§ 1, amended. Subsection 1 of section 72 of Title 1 of the Revised Statutes, as repealed and replaced by section 2 of chapter 433 of the public laws of 1969, is amended to read as follows:

1. **Adult.** "Adult" means a person who has attained the age of ~~20~~ 18 years.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 1, § 72, sub-§§ 2-A and 2-B, amended. Subsections 2-A and 2-B of section 72 of Title 1 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 3 of chapter 433 of the public laws of 1969, are amended to read as follows:

2-A. Child or children. "Child or children" means a person who has not attained the age of ~~20~~ 18 years.

2-B. Full age. "Full age" means the age of ~~20~~ 18 and over.

Sec. 3. R. S., T. 1, § 72, sub-§ 6-A, amended. Subsection 6-A of section 72 of Title 1 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 4 of chapter 433 of the public laws of 1969, is amended to read as follows:

6-A. Infant. "Infant" means a person who has not attained the age of ~~20~~ 18 years.

Sec. 4. R. S., T. 1, § 72, sub-§§ 10-A and 10-B, amended. Subsections 10-A and 10-B of section 72 of Title 1 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 5 of chapter 433 of the public laws of 1969, are amended to read as follows:

10-A. Lawful age. "Lawful age" means the age of ~~20~~ 18 and over.

10-B. Legal age. "Legal age" means the age of ~~20~~ 18 and over.

Sec. 5. R. S., T. 1, § 72, sub-§ 11, amended. Subsection 11 of section 72 of Title 1 of the Revised Statutes, as repealed and replaced by section 6 of chapter 433 of the public laws of 1969, is amended to read as follows:

11. Majority. "Majority" when used in reference to age shall mean the age of ~~20~~ 18 and over.

Sec. 6. R. S., T. 1, § 72, sub-§§ 11-A and 11-B, amended. Subsections 11-A and 11-B of section 72 of Title 1 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 6 of chapter 433 of the public laws of 1969, are amended to read as follows:

11-A. Minor or minors. "Minor or minors" means any person who has not attained the age of ~~20~~ 18 years.

11-B. Minority. "Minority" when used in reference to age shall mean under the age of ~~20~~ 18.

Sec. 7. R. S., T. 1, § 72, sub-§ 26, amended. Subsection 26 of section 72 of Title 1 of the Revised Statutes, as repealed and replaced by section 7 of chapter 433 of the public laws of 1969, is amended to read as follows:

26. Under age. "Under age" means under the age of ~~20~~ 18.

Sec. 8. R. S., T. 1, § 73, amended. Section 73 of Title 1 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 8 of chapter 433 of the public laws of 1969, is amended to read as follows:

§ 73. Majority

The common law rule that a person is a minor to the age of ~~21~~ 20 is abrogated and persons ~~20~~ 18 years of age or over are declared to be of majority for all purposes.

Sec. 9. R. S., T. 8, § 443, amended. The last sentence of section 443 of Title 8 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 9 of chapter 433 of the public laws of 1969, is further amended to read as follows:

No such license shall be granted to any person under the age of ~~20~~ 18 nor to any firm, corporation or association whose officers are under said age.

Sec. 10. R. S., T. 9, § 1794, amended. The first sentence of section 1794 of Title 9 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 10 of chapter 433 of the public laws of 1969, is further amended to read as follows:

Each member ~~20~~ 18 years of age or over shall be entitled to one vote at any meeting of the association, regardless of the number of shares or accounts standing in his name, provided that only one vote shall be allowed on an account held by 2 or more persons; and no member shall vote by proxy at any meeting.

Sec. 11. R. S., T. 12, § 2052, amended. The 3rd paragraph of section 2052 of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended to read as follows:

All candidates must be between the ages of 14 and ~~20~~ 18 years and those who passed the required examinations shall be presented with appropriate certificates by the commissioner and may obtain a junior guide's license upon payment of a fee of \$1.

Sec. 12. R. S., T. 13, § 2861, amended. The first sentence of section 2861 of Title 13 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 15 of chapter 433 of the public laws of 1969, is further amended to read as follows:

Any persons of age ~~20~~ 18 or older, desirous of becoming an incorporated parish or religious society, may apply to a justice of the peace, who shall issue his warrant to one of them, directing him to notify the other applicants to meet at some proper place expressed in such warrant.

Sec. 13. R. S., T. 13, § 2865, amended. Section 2865 of Title 13 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 16 of chapter 433 of the public laws of 1969, is further amended to read as follows:

§ 2865. Admission to parish

A person of either sex, of age ~~20~~ 18 years or older, may become a member of a parish or religious society by vote thereof at a legal meeting.

Sec. 14. R. S., T. 13, § 3023, amended. The first sentence of section 3023 of Title 13 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 17 of chapter 433 of the public laws of 1969, is further amended to read as follows:

The resident members of such church ~~20~~ 18 years of age and upward shall be voters at such meeting and in all meetings of the corporation.

Sec. 15. R. S., T. 13, § 3027, amended. Section 3027 of Title 13 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 18 of chapter 433 of the public laws of 1969, is further amended to read as follows:

§ 3027. Church supporters may participate

An independent local church may by its bylaws extend to all persons not members of the church, who are ~~20~~ 18 years of age and upward and who regularly contribute toward the expenses of the church, the right to attend and participate in the annual and special meetings of the church when action is to be taken relative to the use and appropriation of funds towards which they have contributed or toward which they have pledged contributions, and meetings called for the purpose of obtaining or dismissing a pastor.

Sec. 16. R. S., T. 15, § 2502, sub-§ 5, amended. Subsection 5 of section 2502 of Title 15 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 19 of chapter 433 of the public laws of 1969, is further amended to read as follows:

5. **Minority.** "Minority" means being under the age of ~~20~~ 18.

Sec. 17. R. S., T. 17, § 857, amended. The last sentence of section 857 of Title 17 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 20 of chapter 433 of the public laws of 1969, is amended to read as follows:

The word minor as used in this section shall mean anyone under the age of ~~20~~ 18 years.

Sec. 18. R. S., T. 17, § 1951, amended. Section 1951 of Title 17 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 21 of chapter 433 of the public laws of 1969, is further amended to read as follows:

§ 1951. Penalty

Whoever, having attained his ~~20th~~ 18th birthday, takes any indecent liberty or liberties or indulges in any indecent or immoral practice or practices with the sexual parts or organs of any other person, male or female, who has not attained his or her 16th birthday, either with or without the consent of such male or female person, or, whoever, having attained his ~~20th~~ 18th birthday, induces or procures any person who has not attained his or her 16th birthday to take any indecent liberty or liberties or to indulge in any indecent or immoral practice or practices with the sexual parts or organs of any person, male or female, other than the said person who has not attained his or her 16th birthday, shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by imprisonment at hard labor for not less than one year nor more than 10 years.

Sec. 19. R. S., T. 18, § 1, amended. The first sentence of section 1 of Title 18 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 22 of chapter 433 of the public laws of 1969, is further amended to read as follows:

A person of sound mind and of the age of ~~20~~ 18 years and a married person, widow or widower of any age may dispose of his real and personal estate by will, in writing, signed by him, or by some person for him at his request and in his presence, and subscribed in his presence by 3 credible attesting witnesses.

Sec. 20. R. S., T. 18, § 805, amended. The first sentence of section 805 of Title 18 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 23 of chapter 433 of the public laws of 1969, is further amended to read as follows:

In all insolvent estates, the judge may make a like allowance from the personal estate to the minor children of the deceased under 14 years of age, and to those between 14 and ~~20~~ 18 years of age who from ill health are unable to labor.

Sec. 21. R. S., T. 18, § 1551, amended. Section 1551 of Title 18 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 24 of chapter 433 of the public laws of 1969, is further amended to read as follows:

§ 1551. Letters of administration

Upon the death of any person intestate, the judge having jurisdiction shall grant administration of such intestate's goods or estate to the widow, husband, next of kin, or husband of the daughter of the deceased, or to 2 or more of them, as he thinks fit, if the applicants are more than ~~20~~ 18 years old and are in other respects qualified for the trust, but if unsuitable or being residents in the county they, after due notice, neglect or refuse for 30 days from the death of the intestate to take out letters of administration, he may commit administration on such estate to such person as he deems suitable.

Sec. 22. R. S., T. 18, § 1601, amended. The 2nd sentence of section 1601 of Title 18 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 25 of chapter 433 of the public laws of 1969, is further amended to read as follows:

When an executor is under ~~20~~ 18 years of age at the time of the probate of the will, administration may be granted, with the will annexed, during his minority, unless there is another executor who accepts the trust, in which case the estate shall be administered by such other executor until the minor arrives at full age, when he may be admitted as joint executor with the former, upon giving bonds as provided.

Sec. 23. R. S., T. 18, § 3502, amended. The first sentence of section 3502 of Title 18 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 26 of chapter 433 of the public laws of 1969, is further amended to read as follows:

A married woman who has attained the age of ~~20~~ 18 years may be appointed guardian and perform all the duties of such trust without any act or assent on the part of her husband.

Sec. 24. R. S., T. 18, § 3509, amended. The last sentence of section 3509 of Title 18 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 27 of chapter 433 of the public laws of 1969, is further amended to read as follows:

On the marriage of any female ward under ~~20~~ 18 years of age, the authority of her guardian ceases.

Sec. 25. R. S., T. 18, § 3553, amended. The first sentence of section 3553 of Title 18 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 28 of chapter 433 of the public laws of 1969, is further amended to read as follows:

Such guardian shall have the care and management of all his ward's estate and continue in office until the ward is ~~20~~ 18 years of age unless sooner lawfully discharged.

Sec. 26. R. S., T. 18, § 3601, amended. The first paragraph of section 3601 of Title 18 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 29 of chapter 433 of the public laws of 1969, is further amended to read as follows:

The judge of probate may appoint guardians to the following persons resident in his county, or resident out of the State, and having estate in his county, although over ~~20~~ 18 years of age, on written application of any of their friends, relatives or creditors or of the municipal officers or overseers of the poor of the town where they reside; but when the judge is interested, either in his own right, in trust or in any other manner, or is within the 6th degree of kindred, said application shall be made to and such appointment shall be made by the judge in any adjoining county and the record of said appointment shall show why it was so made:

Sec. 27. R. S., T. 18, § 3607, amended. The first sentence of section 3607 of Title 18 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 30 of chapter 433 of the public laws of 1969, is further amended to read as follows:

When a person over ~~20~~ 18 years of age is under guardianship, he is incapable

of disposing of his property otherwise than by his last will or of making any contract, notwithstanding the death, resignation or removal of the guardian.

Sec. 28. R. S., T. 18, § 3635, amended. The first paragraph of section 3635 of Title 18 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by chapter 265 and as amended by section 22 of chapter 590, both of the public laws of 1969, is further amended to read as follows:

Whenever a mentally retarded minor has been admitted to the Pineland Hospital and Training Center or to any other state-operated institution or residence facility for the mentally retarded, and has not been discharged therefrom, the head thereof shall, within 6 months prior to the ~~20th~~ 18th birthday of such mentally retarded person, cause him to be examined to ascertain whether such person will, by reason of mental retardation, be in need of guardianship on attainment of his majority. If, in the opinion of the examiner such need will exist, the institutional or residence facility head may advise in writing the parent, next of kin or guardian of such minor of the need to institute proceedings for appointment of a guardian. In the event no guardian has been appointed, or no guardianship proceedings are pending when such minor has attained age ~~20~~ 18, or the institutional or residence facility head shall have determined that nomination of the public guardian is advisable in lieu of petition for guardianship by any of such persons, such institutional or residence facility head shall nominate the public guardian to serve as guardian of such mentally retarded person as provided in this subchapter.

Sec. 29. R. S., T. 19, § 4, amended. Section 4 of Title 19 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 31 of chapter 433 of the public laws of 1969, is amended to read as follows:

§ 4. Definitions

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this Title, shall have the meaning ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

1. **Adult children.** "Adult children" means children who have attained the age of ~~20~~ 18 years.

2. **Child.** "Child" means a person who has not attained the age of ~~20~~ 18 years.

3. **Minor or minor child.** "Minor or minor child" means a person who has not attained the age of ~~20~~ 18 years.

Sec. 30. R. S., T. 19, § 62, amended. The 3rd sentence of section 62 of Title 19 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 32 of chapter 433 of the public laws of 1969, is further amended to read as follows:

No such certificate shall be issued to a male under ~~20~~ 18 or to a female under 18 years of age, without the written consent of their parents, guardians or persons to whom a court has given custody of such minors first presented, if they have any living.

Sec. 31. R. S., T. 19, § 216, amended. The first sentence of section 216 of Title 19 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 33 of chapter 433 of the public laws of 1969, is further amended to read as follows:

Whenever, under any decree or order of the Supreme Judicial Court or Superior Court of this State or of any justice of either of said courts, or of any judge of any probate court in this State, any receiver, master, executor, administrator, trustee, guardian or other person acting under authority of either of said courts, or any justice or judge thereof shall have in his hands any funds not exceeding \$500 to be distributed or paid to any person under the age of ~~20~~ 18 years, not having a guardian legally appointed in this State, payment may be made directly to such minor, if such minor be 10 years of age, and such minor's receipt therefor shall be a sufficient voucher for such payment in the settlement in court of any account by the party who makes such payment, and shall discharge and release him from any and all further liability on account of the same.

Sec. 32. R. S., T. 19, § 531, amended. The last sentence of section 531 of Title 19 of the Revised Statutes, as last repealed and replaced by chapter 539 of the public laws of 1969, is amended to read as follows:

The consent of the natural parents shall not be required for the adoption of any person ~~20~~ 18 years of age or over.

Sec. 33. R. S., T. 20, § 859, amended. The first sentence of the 4th paragraph of section 859 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes, as last amended by section 36 of chapter 433 of the public laws of 1969, is further amended to read as follows:

Subject to the provisions of this section and subject to such reasonable regulations as the school committee or school directors shall from time to time prescribe, every person between the ages of 5 and ~~20~~ 18 shall have the right to attend as a full-time student, or with the consent of the school committee or board of directors, as a part-time student, the public schools in the administrative unit in which his parent or guardian has residence.

Sec. 34. R. S., T. 20, § 860, amended. The first sentence of section 860 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 37 of chapter 433 of the public laws of 1969, is further amended to read as follows:

Persons between the ages of 5 and ~~20~~ 18 years living at any light station, fog warning station or lifesaving station shall be admitted to any public school in the State without paying tuition.

Sec. 35. R. S., T. 20, § 1391, amended. The first and 2nd sentences of section 1391 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes, as last repealed and replaced by section 23 of chapter 530 of the public laws of 1971, are amended to read as follows:

Any child between the ages of 5 and ~~20~~ 18, who resides at a private tax-exempt institution within this State, shall have the right to attend the public schools in the administrative unit in which such institution is located under the same conditions as pupils residing in such administrative unit, and shall

for the purposes of this section be classed as resident pupils and the administrative unit shall be paid from the appropriation for general-purpose aid the net local cost of educating such children at each elementary or secondary school attended by them. Any child between the ages of 5 and ~~20~~ 18, committed or otherwise legally admitted to any state-operated institution, shall have the right to attend the public schools in the administrative unit in which such institution is located, or in any adjoining administrative unit, upon enrollment therein by the head of such institution under the same conditions as pupils residing in such administrative unit and shall for the purposes of this section be classed as resident pupils, and the net local cost of educating such children shall include only those school operating expenses paid by the administrative unit on account of such children enumerated in section 3731, and shall be computed for each school on the basis of financial reports and school enrollment figures required by and filed with the commissioner during each school year ending June 30th.

Sec. 36. R. S., T. 20, § 1451, amended. The first sentence of section 1451 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 39 of chapter 433 of the public laws of 1969, is further amended to read as follows:

All children between the ages of 5 and ~~20~~ 18 years who reside with a parent or legal guardian in unorganized territory within this State shall be entitled to school privileges, which shall be provided under the direction of the commissioner under such rules and regulations as may be made from time to time by him and approved by the Governor and Council.

Sec. 37. R. S., T. 20, § 1460, amended. Section 1460 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 40 of chapter 433 of the public laws of 1969, is further amended to read as follows:

§ 1460. Census before privileges provided

Before school privileges are provided in accordance with sections 1451 to 1457 for a child or children in any unorganized unit, it shall be the duty of the commissioner through his agents to procure returns showing the number of persons, including the names and ages of those between 5 and ~~20~~ 18 years, resident therein, together with such other information as he may deem necessary, and similar returns shall be required by him annually thereafter on the first day of April, or corrected to the first day of April, as long as school privileges are so provided.

Sec. 38. R. S., T. 20, § 1477, amended. The first sentence of section 1477 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 41 of chapter 433 of the public laws of 1969, is further amended to read as follows:

Whenever the civil organization of any town or plantation becomes defunct through failure to hold the annual town or plantation meeting, failure to fill vacancies in necessary offices or in any other manner, it shall be the duty of the commissioner to assume charge of all school property therein, to require an accounting for all town or plantation school funds and to provide school privileges for children between 5 and ~~20~~ 18 years of age whose parents

are residents of such town or plantation, until such time as it shall recover its civil organization or is deorganized by Act of the Legislature.

Sec. 39. R. S., T. 21, § 41, sub-§ 1, amended. The first sentence of subsection 1 of section 41 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 43 of chapter 433 of the public laws of 1969, is further amended to read as follows:

The registrar must be a citizen of the United States, a resident of the municipality and at least ~~20~~ 18 years of age.

Sec. 40. R. S., T. 22, § 1814, amended. The first sentence of section 1814 of Title 22 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 44 of chapter 433 of the public laws of 1969, is further amended to read as follows:

Any person, partnership, association or corporation, including county or local governmental units, desiring a license shall file with the department a verified application containing the name of the applicant desiring said license; whether such persons so applying are ~~20~~ 18 years of age; the type of institution to be operated; the location; the name of the person in charge.

Sec. 41. R. S., T. 22, § 1950, amended. Section 1950 of Title 22 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 45 of chapter 433 of the public laws of 1969, is amended to read as follows:

§ 1950. Definition of "child"

For the purposes of this chapter, the word "child" shall mean any person who has not attained the age of ~~20~~ 18 years.

Sec. 42. R. S., T. 22, § 2000, amended. Section 2000 of Title 22 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 46 of chapter 433 of the public laws of 1969, is amended to read as follows:

§ 2000. Definition of "child"

For the purposes of this chapter, the word "child" shall mean any person who has not attained the age of ~~20~~ 18 years.

Sec. 43. R. S., T. 22, § 3700, amended. Section 3700 of Title 22 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 47 of chapter 433 of the public laws of 1969, is amended to read as follows:

§ 3700. Definition of "child" or "minor child"

For the purposes of this chapter, the word "child" or words "minor child" shall mean any person who has not attained the age of ~~20~~ 18 years, unless otherwise clearly defined.

Sec. 44. R. S., T. 22, § 3793, amended. The 2nd sentence of section 3793 of Title 22 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 48 of chapter 433 of the public laws of 1969, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

Such original orders shall not extend beyond the time when the child shall reach the age of 18 years.

Sec. 45. R. S., T. 22, § 4192, sub-§ 1, amended. Subsection 1 of section 4192 of Title 22 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 49 of chapter 433 of the public laws of 1969, is further amended to read as follows:

1. **Child.** "Child" means a person who, by reason of minority being under ~~20~~ 18 years of age, is legally subject to parental, guardianship or similar control.

Sec. 46. R. S., T. 22, § 4450, amended. Section 4450 of Title 22 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 50 of chapter 433 of the public laws of 1969, is amended to read as follows:

§ 4450. Definition of "minor child"

For the purposes of this chapter, the words "minor child" shall mean any person who has not attained the age of ~~20~~ 18 years.

Sec. 47. R. S., T. 22, § 4451, sub-§ 1, amended. The 2nd sentence of subsection 1 of section 4451 of Title 22 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 51 of chapter 433 of the public laws of 1969, is further amended to read as follows:

A woman over ~~20~~ 18 years of age, having no husband, shall acquire a settlement in a town by having her home therein for 5 consecutive years without receiving supplies as a pauper.

Sec. 48. R. S., T. 22, § 4451, sub-§ 2, amended. The 2nd sentence of subsection 2 of section 4451 of Title 22 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 52 of chapter 433 of the public laws of 1969, is further amended to read as follows:

Children shall not have the settlement of their father acquired after they become ~~20~~ 18 years of age and have capacity to acquire one.

Sec. 49. R. S., T. 22, § 4764, amended. Section 4764 of Title 22 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 53 of chapter 433 of the public laws of 1969, is further amended to read as follows:

§ 4764. Oath of adopted person

Every male person adopted as provided in section 4762 shall, within one month after such adoption, or if a minor within one month after becoming ~~20~~ 18 years of age, make oath before the commissioner that he will demean himself as a discreet, industrious and good member of said tribe, and will faithfully fulfill the duties incumbent upon him as such member.

Sec. 50. R. S., T. 22, § 4792, amended. The first sentence of section 4792 of Title 22 of the Revised Statutes, as last repealed and replaced by section 33 of chapter 590 of the public laws of 1969, is amended to read as follows:

Biennially, on the even-numbered years, on the 2nd Tuesday of September, the Penobscot Indians shall hold their election for the choice of governor and lieutenant governor of said tribe, and a representative at the Legislature of this State, and members of a tribal council, each of whom must be at least ~~20~~ 18 years of age.

Sec. 51. R. S., T. 22, § 4831, amended. The first sentence of section 4831 of Title 22 of the Revised Statutes, as repealed and replaced by section 63 of chapter 544 of the public laws of 1967 and as amended by section 56 of chapter 433 of the public laws of 1969, is further amended to read as follows:

Biennially on the even-numbered years, on the Tuesday following Labor Day in September, the Passamaquoddy Tribe of Indians shall hold their election for the choice of governor and lieutenant governor of each reservation of said tribe, a representative at the Legislature of this State and a tribal council to consist of 6 members of said tribe from each reservation, all of whom must be at least ~~20~~ 18 years of age.

Sec. 52. R. S., T. 23, § 154, amended. The first sentence of the 4th paragraph of section 154 of Title 23 of the Revised Statutes, as last amended by section 58 of chapter 433 of the public laws of 1969, is further amended to read as follows:

If such owner is a person under the age of ~~20~~ 18 years, or an incompetent person, the commission shall cause such notice and check to be served upon the legal guardian of such person or incompetent.

Sec. 53. R. S., T. 24-A, § 1603, sub-§ 1, amended. Subsection 1 of section 1603 of Title 24-A of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 132 and as amended by section 59 of chapter 433, both of the public laws of 1969, is further amended to read as follows:

1. **Age.** Must be at least ~~20~~ 18 years of age.

Sec. 54. R. S., T. 24-A, § 1673, sub-§ 1, amended. Subsection 1 of section 1673 of Title 24-A of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 132 and as amended by section 60 of chapter 433, both of the public laws of 1969, is further amended to read as follows:

1. **Age.** Must be ~~20~~ 18 years or more of age.

Sec. 55. R. S., T. 24-A, § 1853, sub-§ 1, amended. Subsection 1 of section 1853 of Title 24-A of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 132 and as amended by section 61 of chapter 433, both of the public laws of 1969, is further amended to read as follows:

1. Must be at least ~~20~~ 18 years of age.

Sec. 56. R. S., T. 24-A, § 2611, sub-§ 1, amended. The last sentence of subsection 1 of section 2611 of Title 24-A of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 132 and as amended by section 62 of chapter 433, both of the public laws of 1969, is further amended to read as follows:

A "dependent" is the spouse of the insured employee or member and an insured employee's or member's child under ~~20~~ 18 years of age or his child ~~20~~ 18 years or older who is attending an educational institution and relying upon the insured employee or member for financial support.

Sec. 57. R. S., T. 24-A, § 4110, amended. The first sentence of the 2nd paragraph of section 4110 of Title 24-A of the Revised Statutes, as enacted

by section 1 of chapter 132 and as amended by section 63 of chapter 433, both of the public laws of 1969, is further amended to read as follows:

Any person admitted prior to attaining the full age of ~~20~~ 18 years shall be bound by the terms of the application and certificate and by all the laws and rules of the society and shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of membership therein to the same extent as though the age of majority had been attained at the time of application.

Sec. 58. R. S., T. 24-A, § 4115, amended. The first sentence of section 4115 of Title 24-A of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 132 and as amended by section 64 of chapter 433, both of the public laws of 1969, is further amended to read as follows:

A society may provide for benefits on the lives of children under the minimum age for adult membership but not greater than ~~20~~ 18 years of age at time of application therefor, upon the application of some adult person, as its laws or rules may provide, which benefits shall be in accordance with the provisions of section 4114, subsection 1.

Sec. 59. R. S., T. 26, § 1043, sub-§ 11, ¶ F, sub-¶ (6), amended. Subparagraph (6) of paragraph F of subsection 11 of section 1043 of Title 26 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 66 of chapter 433 of the public laws of 1969, is further amended to read as follows:

(6) Service performed by an individual in the employ of his son, daughter or spouse, and service performed by a child under the age of ~~20~~ 18 in the employ of his father or mother;

Sec. 60. R. S., T. 28, § 2, sub-§ 14-A, amended. Subsection 14-A of section 2 of Title 28 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 67 of chapter 433 of the public laws of 1969, is amended to read as follows:

14-A. Minor. "Minor" shall mean a person who has not attained his ~~20th~~ 18th birthday.

Sec. 61. R. S., T. 28, § 201, amended. The first 4 sentences of section 201 of Title 28 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 68 of chapter 433 of the public laws of 1969, are further amended to read as follows:

No license shall be issued to any natural person unless such person is at least ~~20~~ 18 years of age and is a citizen of the United States and of this State. A part-time or 6 months' license, as authorized by law, may be issued to any natural person who is at least ~~20~~ 18 years of age and is a citizen of the United States. No license shall be issued to a partnership or to an association unless all persons having an interest therein are at least ~~20~~ 18 years of age and are citizens of the United States and of this State. A part-time or 6 months' license, as authorized by law, may be issued to a partnership or association if all persons having an interest therein are at least ~~20~~ 18 years of age and are citizens of the United States.

Sec. 62. R. S., T. 28, § 251, amended. The 3rd sentence of section 251 of Title 28 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 69 of chapter 433 of the public laws of 1969, is further amended to read as follows:

All applications shall be signed by the owner, if a natural person, who shall be at least ~~20~~ 18 years of age, or in the case of a partnership by the partners thereof, or in the case of a corporation by an executive officer thereof or any person thereto specifically authorized by the corporation, except a bona fide prospective purchaser may apply.

Sec. 63. R. S., T. 28, § 303, amended. The 2nd sentence of the 2nd paragraph of section 303 of Title 28 of the Revised Statutes, as last repealed and replaced by section 46 of chapter 590 of the public laws of 1969, is amended to read as follows:

No licensee, by himself, clerk, servant or agent entitled to sell malt liquor or table wine not to be consumed on the premises shall sell, furnish, give or deliver such malt liquor or table wine to any person visibly intoxicated, to any mentally ill person, to a known habitual drunkard, to any pauper, to persons of known intemperate habits or to any minor under the age of ~~20~~ 18 years.

Sec. 64. R. S., T. 28, § 303, amended. The next to the last sentence of the 2nd paragraph of section 303 of Title 28 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 70 of chapter 433 of the public laws of 1969, is further amended to read as follows:

No licensee by himself, clerk, servant or agent shall sell, furnish, give, serve or permit to be served any liquor to be consumed on the premises to any person visibly intoxicated, to any mentally ill person, to a known habitual drunkard, to any pauper, to persons of known intemperate habits or to any minor under the age of ~~20~~ 18 years.

Sec. 65. R. S., T. 28, § 303, amended. The first sentence of the 3rd paragraph of section 303 of Title 28 of the Revised Statutes, as last repealed and replaced by section 48 of chapter 590 of the public laws of 1969, is amended to read as follows:

Any person under the age of ~~20~~ 18 years who purchases any intoxicating liquor or any person under the age of ~~20~~ 18 years who consumes any intoxicating liquor in any on-sale premises, or who presents or offers to any licensee, his agent or employee, any written or oral evidence of age which is false, fraudulent or not actually his own, for the purpose of ordering, purchasing, attempting to purchase or otherwise procuring or attempting to procure, the serving of any intoxicating liquor, or who has any intoxicating liquor in his possession except in the scope of his or her employment on any street or highway, or in any public place or in any automobile, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100 for the first offense, not less than \$50 nor more than \$100 for the 2nd offense and \$100 for the 3rd and subsequent offenses.

Sec. 66. R. S., T. 28, § 751-A, amended. Section 751-A of Title 28 of the Revised Statutes, as last repealed and replaced by chapter 149 of the public laws of 1971, is amended to read as follows:

§ 751-A. Payment for sales in retail stores

For the purpose of receiving payment at the check-out counters for the sale of malt liquor or table wine in retail stores, the age of such employee receiving the payment shall not be under 17 years of age, provided that in any event an employee who is ~~20~~ 18 years of age or older is present in the retail store in a supervisory capacity.

Sec. 67. R. S., T. 28, § 852, amended. The first paragraph of section 852 of Title 28 of the Revised Statutes, as last repealed and replaced by section 55 of chapter 590 of the public laws of 1969, is amended to read as follows:

No licensee for the sale of liquor to be consumed on licensed premises, except in Class A restaurants, clubs and hotel dining rooms, shall employ any person under the age of ~~20~~ 18 years in the direct handling or selling of liquor on the premises where such liquor is sold. No licensee for the sale of liquor to be consumed on the licensed premises of Class A restaurants, clubs and hotel dining rooms shall employ any person under the age of ~~19~~ 17 years in the direct handling or selling of liquor on the premises where such liquor is sold, provided that an employee who is ~~20~~ 18 years of age or older is present in a supervisory capacity.

Sec. 68. R. S., T. 28, § 1001, amended. The first sentence of section 1001 of Title 28 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 73 of chapter 433 of the public laws of 1969, is further amended to read as follows:

No person under the age of ~~20~~ 18 years shall knowingly transport or knowingly permit to be transported any intoxicating liquor in a motor vehicle under his control except in the scope of his or her employment, or at the request of his or her parent or guardian.

Sec. 69. R. S., T. 28, § 1001, amended. The first sentence of the last paragraph of section 1001 of Title 28 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 2 of chapter 352 of the public laws of 1967 and as amended by section 73 of chapter 433 of the public laws of 1969, is further amended to read as follows:

No person under the age of ~~20~~ 18 years shall be convicted of any offense under this section if intoxicating liquors are found outside the passenger or driver's section of a motor vehicle under his control unless said person has actual knowledge of the presence of said liquors.

Sec. 70. R. S., T. 29, § 1, sub-§ 3-C, amended. Subsection 3-C of section 1 of Title 29 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 74 of chapter 433 of the public laws of 1969, is amended to read as follows:

3-C. Minor. "Minor" shall mean a person who has not attained his ~~20th~~ 18th birthday.

Sec. 71. R. S., T. 29, § 333, amended. Section 333 of Title 29 of the Revised Statutes, as last repealed and replaced by section 56 of chapter 590 of the public laws of 1969, is amended to read as follows:

§ 333. No certificate for minors

No person under the age of ~~20~~ 18 years shall be issued a certificate or plate under this subchapter.

Sec. 72. R. S., T. 30, § 2060, sub-§ 3, amended. The first sentence of subsection 3 of section 2060 of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes, as last amended by section 76 of chapter 433 of the public laws of 1969, is further amended to read as follows:

In order to hold a municipal office, a person must be a citizen of the United States, a resident of the State and at least ~~20~~ 18 years of age and, except in the case of full-time appointed assessors, a citizen of the United States.

Sec. 73. R. S., T. 32, § 251, amended. The first sentence of section 251 of Title 32 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 77 of chapter 433 of the public laws of 1969, is further amended to read as follows:

Every resident person in the State desiring to do business as an auctioneer in the State who is over ~~20~~ 18 years of age, submits evidence of good moral character and satisfies the Secretary of State, or an agent designated by him, that he has knowledge of the laws of this State pertaining to auctions and sales, the ethics and practices of auctioneers and such other related subjects as the Secretary of State may select, upon application in form designated by the Secretary of State and by payment of \$15, shall receive a one-year license to conduct auctions.

Sec. 74. R. S., T. 32, § 551, amended. The 3rd sentence of section 551 of Title 32 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 78 of chapter 433 of the public laws of 1969, is further amended to read as follows:

Each applicant must be at least ~~20~~ 18 years of age and shall present proof of 2 years' satisfactory attendance at a college of liberal arts.

Sec. 75. R. S., T. 32, § 1082, amended. Section 1082 of Title 32 of the Revised Statutes, as last repealed and replaced by section 60 of chapter 590 of the public laws of 1969, is amended to read as follows:

§ 1082. Qualifications

Before receiving a certificate to practice dentistry in this State, a person shall be at least ~~20~~ 18 years of age, of good moral character and shall be a graduate of or have a diploma from an acceptable dental college, school or dental department of a university approved by the board.

Sec. 76. R. S., T. 32, § 1501, amended. The 3rd sentence of section 1501 of Title 32 of the Revised Statutes, as repealed and replaced by section 6 of chapter 253 of the public laws of 1967, and as amended, is further amended to read as follows:

To be licensed for the practice of funeral service under this section, a person must be at least ~~20~~ 18 years of age, a resident of this State and a citizen of the United States, of good moral character, have successfully completed a prescribed course at a school or schools approved by the Maine Board of Funeral

Service, and must have served as a resident trainee for not less than 12 months under the personal supervision of a person licensed for the practice of funeral service or a prior equivalent license, and approved by the board.

Sec. 77. R. S., T. 32, § 1658-F, sub-§ 1, ¶ A, amended. Paragraph A of subsection 1 of section 1658-F of Title 32 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by chapter 320 and as amended by section 82 of chapter 433, both of the public laws of 1969, is further amended to read as follows:

A. Be at least ~~20~~ 18 years of age;

Sec. 78. R. S., T. 32, § 2701, amended. The 3rd sentence of section 2701 of Title 32 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 84 of chapter 433 of the public laws of 1969 and by section 116 of chapter 544 of the public laws of 1971, is further amended to read as follows:

Each applicant must be at least ~~20~~ 18 years of age and shall present a diploma from a high school, academy, college or university, or otherwise satisfy the members of the board of sufficient prior academic education.

Sec. 79. R. S., T. 32, § 2902, amended. The 4th sentence of section 2902 of Title 32 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 85 of chapter 433 of the public laws of 1969, is further amended to read as follows:

No such certificate shall be issued unless the applicant is at least ~~20~~ 18 years of age, of good moral character, a citizen of the United States and a graduate of a school or college of pharmacy or a department of pharmacy of a university, accredited by the American Council on Pharmaceutical Education, and shall file proof satisfactory to the board, substantiated by proper affidavits, of sufficient service and experience in a retail pharmacy under the supervision of a registered or licensed pharmacist; and shall pass an examination by said board.

Sec. 80. R. S., T. 32, § 3102, amended. The first sentence of section 3102 of Title 32 of the Revised Statutes, as last amended by section 86 of chapter 433 of the public laws of 1969, is further amended to read as follows:

An applicant for a license to practice as a licensed physical therapist shall submit to the board, at least 30 days before the date of the next quarterly board meeting, an application for examination for licensure to practice physical therapy, which shall be submitted on a form prescribed by the examiners, together with the payment of the required application fee of \$25 plus the current examination fee if applicable; evidence verified by oath, that the applicant is at least ~~20~~ 18 years of age, is of good moral character, is in good physical and mental health, is a high school graduate and is graduated from a school of physical therapy approved for training physical therapists by the American Physical Therapy Association and the appropriate subcommittee of the American Medical Association or if graduated prior to 1936, the school or course was approved by the American Physical Therapy Association at the time of his graduation.

Sec. 81. R. S., T. 32, § 3252, amended. The first sentence of the 2nd paragraph of section 3252 of Title 32 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by

section 87 of chapter 433 of the public laws of 1969, is further amended to read as follows:

Each of the applicants must be ~~20~~ 18 years of age, of good moral character, and must present satisfactory proof that he has served an internship for at least 12 months, or its equivalent, in a hospital approved by the American Medical Association and American Hospital Association.

Sec. 82. R. S., T. 32, § 3651, amended. The 2nd sentence of section 3651 of Title 32 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 88 of chapter 433 of the public laws of 1969, is further amended to read as follows:

Each applicant shall, at least 10 days before the date of his examination, present to the secretary of the Board of Registration in Medicine an application for a license to practice podiatry on a form prescribed by the examiners and containing satisfactory proof that said applicant is at least ~~20~~ 18 years of age, of good moral character and that he has received a certificate of graduation from a legally incorporated, regular established school of podiatry, recognized by the Council of Education of the National Association of Chiropodists, having a minimum requirement of not less than 4 consecutive years of 8 months each of scholastic attendance, nor shall such applicant be entitled to registration and certificate unless such applicant shall have had, prior to the beginning of his course in podiatry, as a minimum requirement, a 4-year course in a recognized high school or its equivalent and one year in a legally recognized school or college of the liberal arts or of the sciences.

Sec. 83. R. S., T. 32, § 3981, sub-§ 3, amended. Subsection 3 of section 3981 of Title 32 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 344 of the public laws of 1967 and as amended by section 62-A of chapter 590 of the public laws of 1969, is further amended to read as follows:

3. **Age.** Who has attained the age of ~~20~~ 18 years, and

Sec. 84. R. S., T. 32, § 3986, sub-§ 4, amended. Subsection 4 of section 3986 of Title 32 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 344 of the public laws of 1967 and as amended by section 90 of chapter 433 of the public laws of 1969, is further amended to read as follows:

4. **Age.** Who has attained the age of ~~20~~ 18 years, and

Sec. 85. R. S., T. 32, § 4103, sub-§ 1, ¶ A, amended. Paragraph A of subsection 1 of section 4103 of Title 32 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 91 of chapter 433 of the public laws of 1969 and by section 6 of chapter 468 of the public laws of 1971, is further amended to read as follows:

A. Is ~~20~~ 18 years of age or over;

Sec. 86. R. S., T. 32, § 4192, amended. The first paragraph of section 4192 of Title 32 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 65 of chapter 590 of the public laws of 1969, is amended to read as follows:

To be eligible for certification as a registered social worker or an associate social worker, an applicant must be at least ~~21~~ 18 years of age, of good moral

character and a resident of this State, and shall satisfactorily pass such examination as the board may prescribe by its rules and regulations.

Sec. 87. R. S., T. 32, § 4193, amended. The first sentence of section 4193 of Title 32 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 65 of chapter 590 of the public laws of 1969 and as amended by section 118 of chapter 544 of the public laws of 1971, is further amended to read as follows:

Any person who within 6 months after October 1, 1969 submits his application to the board on the prescribed form, pays the necessary fee and furnishes satisfactory evidence to the board that he is ~~20~~ 18 years of age or over, of good moral character, a resident of this State, is employed as a social worker or was so employed for 2 years out of the preceding 5 years, shall be registered by the board and certified as a registered or associate social worker without examination.

Sec. 88. R. S., T. 32, § 4203, amended. Section 4203 of Title 32 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 92 of chapter 433 of the public laws of 1969, is further amended to read as follows:

§ 4203. Minors

No person shall place a tattoo mark or figure upon the body of a female person; or upon a male person under the age of ~~20~~ 18 years.

Sec. 89. R. S., T. 33, § 52, amended. The first paragraph of section 52 of Title 33 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 93 of chapter 433 of the public laws of 1969, is further amended to read as follows:

No action shall be maintained on any contract made by a minor, unless he, or some person lawfully authorized, ratified it in writing after he arrived at the age of ~~20~~ 18 years, except for necessities or real estate of which he has received the title and retains the benefit.

Sec. 90. R. S., T. 33, § 151-A, amended. Section 151-A of Title 33 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 94 of chapter 433 of the public laws of 1969, is amended to read as follows:

§ 151-A. Definitions

As used in this chapter:

I. **Minor.** "Minor" means any person who has not attained the age of ~~20~~ 18 years.

Sec. 91. R. S., T. 33, § 1001, sub-§§ 1 and 11, amended. Subsections 1 and 11 of section 1001 of Title 33 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 95 of chapter 433 of the public laws of 1969, are further amended to read as follows:

I. **Adult.** An "adult" is a person who has attained the age of ~~20~~ 18 years.

II. **Minor.** A "minor" is a person who has not attained the age of ~~20~~ 18 years.

Sec. 92. R. S., T. 34, § 183, sub-§§ 6 and 7, amended. Subsections 6 and 7 of section 183 of Title 34 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 96 of chapter 433 of the public laws of 1969, are amended to read as follows:

6. **Minor.** "Minor" means any person who has not attained the age of ~~20~~ 18 years.

7. **Adult.** "Adult" means a person who has attained the age of ~~20~~ 18 years.

Sec. 93. R. S., T. 36, § 1381, amended. The first sentence of section 1381 of Title 36 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 98 of chapter 433 of the public laws of 1969, is further amended to read as follows:

A poll tax of \$3 shall be assessed upon every male resident of the State between the age of ~~20~~ 18 and 70 years, whether a citizen of the United States or an alien, in the place where he resides on the first day of each April, unless he is exempted therefrom by this Title.

Sec. 94. R. S., T. 37, § 101, sub-§ 1, amended. Subsection 1 of section 101 of Title 37 of the Revised Statutes, as last amended by section 100 of chapter 433 of the public laws of 1969, is further amended to read as follows:

1. **Child.** The term "child" shall be construed to mean a child under the age of 18, or over age 18 ~~and under age 20~~ if found by the department to be regularly attending school, or over 18 and not attending school if, prior to reaching age 18, the child becomes or has become permanently incapable of self-support by reason of mental or physical defect, and shall include a foster child, a legitimate or legally adopted child of the veteran, or a step-child if a member of the veteran's household either at time of application, or in the event of the veteran's death, at time of death, and who continues a member of the household, or an illegitimate child, provided that the veteran has been judicially ordered or decreed by the court to contribute to the child's support, or has been judicially decreed to be the putative father or has acknowledged under oath in writing that he is the father of such child.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to grant adult rights to persons 18 years of age.