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# **PUBLIC ACTS**

OF THE

# **STATE OF MAINE,**

PASSED BY THE

# **SIXTH LEGISLATURE,**

**AT ITS SESSION, HELD IN JANUARY, 1826.**

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## CHAPTER CCCXXXVI.

AN ACT to establish a Registry of Deeds for the Western District of Lincoln County.

SECT. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled,* That all the towns of the county of Lincoln, lying west of the Kennebec river, be, and they hereby are formed into a District for the Registry of Deeds; and the inhabitants of said District are hereby authorized to choose a Register of Deeds for said District, in the manner provided by law; and the Register so chosen shall keep his office in the town of Topsham; and Ebenezer Clapp, Esq. is hereby authorized and empowered to issue his warrant to the Selectmen of the several towns, within said District, authorized to vote for State officers, requiring them, in the mode established by law, to call a meeting of the inhabitants of said towns, on the first Monday of April next, that they may then proceed to vote by ballot for some suitable person, qualified by law, for the office of Register of Deeds; and therein requiring said Selectmen to preside in said meetings, and receive, sort and count the votes of the qualified electors present, and to declare the same. And the town clerk having made a list of the persons voted for, with the number of votes for each person against his name, and having recorded the same, shall seal up and transmit a transcript of the record he shall make, of the number of votes and persons voted for in their respective towns, to the next Court of Sessions to be held for said county of Lincoln: and the person having a majority of votes, shall, after being sworn to the faithful discharge of his trust, and giving bond as required by law, be, and continue, the Register of Deeds in said District, until the last day of September, which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-one; unless a vacancy shall occur by death, resignation or otherwise; and the Register, thus chosen, shall enter

Registry of Deeds for western district in Lincoln established at Topsham.

Register how chosen;

term of office;

upon the duties of his office on the second Tuesday of September next. And if it shall appear, upon examination of the returns aforesaid, of the votes in said District, that no person has a majority thereof, the same proceedings shall be had, as are by law provided in other cases of vacancy, in the office of Register of Deeds, in the several counties of the State.

provision in case  
of no choice.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That the person chosen under the provisions of this Act, as Register of Deeds, for the District aforesaid, shall be subject to the same rules, duties, requisitions and liabilities incident by law to Registers of Deeds, in the several counties; and for recording all Deeds or other instruments, proper to be registered in his office, shall receive the same fees, as are authorized by law for Registers of Deeds, in the several counties of the State.

Powers & duties  
of such Register.

[Approved by the Governor, March 6, 1826.]

## CHAPTER CCCXXXVII.

AN ACT additional to "An Act concerning the assessment and collection of Taxes."

SECT. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled*, That the Assessors of towns, plantations, parishes and religious societies, shall not hereafter be made responsible for the assessment of any tax which they are by law required to assess; but the liability, if any, shall rest solely with said towns, plantations, parishes and religious societies; and the Assessors shall be responsible only for their own personal faithfulness and integrity.

Assessors to be  
liable for person-  
al faithfulness  
only; in assessing  
taxes required by  
law.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of Assessors to make a record of their assessment, and of the invoice and valuation from which such assessment shall have been made, and before the taxes are committed to the proper officer for collection, deposit the same, or a copy thereof, in the Assessor's office, when any

Record of assess-  
ment & valuation  
to be deposited  
in office of assess-  
ors or townclerk