

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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PUBLIC ACTS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

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Chapter 393.

AN ACT to establish the Salary of Judge and Register of Probate in the County of Franklin.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled,* That the salary of Judge and Register of Probate in and for the County of Franklin be and hereby is established at the following sums per annum, for Judge one hundred dollars, and for the Register one hundred and fifty dollars, to commence on the tenth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight.

Salary for Judge,
\$100.
Salary for Register,
\$150.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That said Judge and Register shall exercise all the powers, be subject to all the restrictions and receive their compensation from said County in the same manner as is provided by law for the several Counties in this State.

Powers, &c. of
Judge.

[Approved by the Governor, March 14, 1839.]

Chapter 394.

AN ACT authorizing the Indians of the Penobscot Tribe to elect their Governor and Lieutenant Governor.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled,* That the Indians of the Penobscot tribe be and hereby are authorized to elect from among their own number a Governor and Lieutenant Governor who shall hold their respective offices for the term of two years and until their successors are chosen and the persons so elected shall be vested with all the powers and privileges appertaining by usage and custom among said tribe to their respective offices; provided the same are not repugnant to the laws and constitution of this State.

Authorized to
elect Governor,
&c.

Tenure of office,
and powers of
same.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the selectmen of the town of Orono on or before the first Monday in August next to make and prepare a list of all the male members of said tribe of twenty-one years of age and upwards who are hereby declared and constituted the legal voters of said tribe, and said voters shall give in their "viva voice" votes for Governor and Lieutenant Governor as follows, to wit, the said selectmen on the first Monday of August next at Indian Old Town the residence of said tribe shall call over the names of said voters borne on said list and shall note the persons for whom each individual shall vote for Governor and Lieutenant Governor and the person having a majority of all the votes of said tribe for Governor and the person having a like majority for Lieutenant Governor shall be declared by said selectmen to be duly elected to those offices respectively—and on the first Monday of August in each alternate year thereafterwards like proceedings shall be had as are provided in this section. And said selectmen are hereby empowered to adjourn their said meeting from time to time to carry into effect the object of this section, *Provided* they shall not adjourn more than twice, and each adjournment shall not be more than one week from the previous meeting.

Selectmen of Orono to prepare list of voters.

Votes for Governor, &c., how given.

Selectmen authorized to adjourn meetings, &c.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That this act shall be submitted to said tribe for their adoption or rejection. And it shall be the duty of said selectmen on the first Monday of August next at said Indian Old Town to take the "viva voice" votes of said tribe on the adoption or rejection of this act, and if a majority of all the voters of said tribe shall vote in favor of this act, then the same shall be in force in relation to said tribe and they shall proceed to vote for Governor and Lieutenant Governor as is provided in the second section of this act, and if there shall not be a majority as

Duty of Selectmen to preside at meeting, &c.

When and upon what conditions this act to take effect.

aforesaid in favor of this act then the three first sections of the same shall be void.

Compensation to
Selectmen, how
paid.

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That the selectmen aforesaid shall receive as compensation for services under this act the same pay per day as is allowed them for official services by said town of Orono. Said compensation to be paid them out of the fund of said tribe.

[*Approved by the Governor, March 16, 1839.*]

Chapter 395.

AN ACT establishing the County of Aroostook.

Territory.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled*, That from and after the first day of May next, all that part of the State lying north of the north line of the fourth Range of townships north of the Lottery townships, and east of the dividing line between Ranges five and six west of the east line of the State, and of a line from the north termination of the said dividing line and running the same course, to the north line of the State, be and is hereby constituted and made a County by the name of Aroostook, whereof Houlton shall be the shire town: And the inhabitants of the before described territory, from and after the first day of May next, shall have and possess, use and enjoy, all the powers, rights, privileges and immunities, and be subject to all the duties which by the Constitution and Laws of the State are granted to and imposed upon the inhabitants of other Counties.

Name and shire
town.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That the several towns and plantations, their officers and agents, and the owners of lands in unorganized townships, in the County of Aroostook, shall pay to the Treasurers of the Counties of Penobscot and Washington