

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

A. D. 1846.

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Published by the Secretary of State, agreeably to Resolves of June 28, 1820, February 26, 1840,  
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PUBLIC LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

1846.

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SECT. 10. The act entitled an act relating to hawkers and ped- **CHAP. 201.**  
 lers, approved March twenty-third, in the year of our Lord one inconsistent acts  
 repealed.  
 thousand eight hundred and forty-three—and all other acts and  
 parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act, are hereby  
 repealed.

SECT. 11. This act shall take effect from and after the thirtieth When to take ef  
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 day of September next..

[Approved July 30, 1846.]

### Chapter 201.

An Act in addition to an act relating to pounds and impounding beasts.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in  
 Legislature assembled, as follows :*

In all cases when any town shall omit to choose a suitable per- Selectmen au-  
 thorized to fill  
 vacancies.  
 son as pound-keeper in said town, or in case the person chosen fails  
 to be sworn, or a vacancy occurs by death, resignation, or other-  
 wise, the selectmen of said town shall have authority to fill the  
 vacancy.

[Approved August 6, 1846.]

### Chapter 202.

An Act explanatory of an act making further provision for cost in cases of usury.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in  
 Legislature assembled, as follows :*

The provisions of said act passed on the twenty-second day of Not to extend to  
 suits now pend-  
 ing.  
 July, eighteen hundred and forty-six, shall not extend to, or em-  
 brace in its application, any suits now pending.

[Approved August 7, 1846.]

### Chapter 203.

An Act in relation to the duties, privileges and liabilities of mutual fire insurance  
 companies.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in  
 Legislature assembled, as follows :*

SECTION 1. Upon the decease of a member of any mutual fire

**CHAP. 204.**

Lien shall remain good on property of deceased persons.

Annual statement to be laid before the stockholders, and published by the company.

Proviso.

Directors not eligible to the offices of secretary or treasurer.

Compensation of officers.

Votes by proxy.

insurance company in this state, the lien of said company shall remain good on the property insured; to the amount due on his, her or their deposit note, and the policy shall descend to the executors and administrators of such deceased member, for the benefit of the estate during its continuance, unless voluntarily surrendered or forfeited by the provisions of the charter of such company.

**SECT. 2.** The directors of each mutual fire insurance company shall cause a detailed account of the expenses of such company for the year next preceding their annual meeting; the amount of property actually insured at that time; the amount due on premium notes, held by said company; together with all debts due to, and the amount owned by said company, to be laid before the stockholders of such company at their annual meeting in each year; and said company shall cause a copy thereof to be printed in some newspaper published in the county in which such company is located, and if no newspaper be published in said county, then in some newspaper published in an adjoining county: *provided*, that no mutual insurance company in this state, who have an accumulated fund for the payment of loss, shall be required to publish the names of those persons who are indebted to such office.

**SECT. 3.** The directors of such company shall not be eligible to the offices of secretary or treasurer of their respective companies.

**SECT. 4.** The salary or compensation for services, of the directors, treasurer and secretary, shall be fixed by the stockholders at their annual meeting, and no stockholder or other person shall be allowed more than fifteen votes by proxy.

**SECT. 5.** All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act, are repealed.

[Approved August 7, 1846.]

### Chapter 204.

An Act to amend the one hundred and sixtieth chapter of the revised statutes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:*

R. S. chap. 160.

From and after the passage of this act, section thirty-two of chapter one hundred and sixty of the revised statutes, is hereby amended by striking out all of said section after the word imprisonment, in the eleventh line, and inserting in lieu thereof, the words, "in the state prison for a term not exceeding five years," so that said section shall read when amended, as follows:

**SECT. 32.** If any person without the permission of the board