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ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

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PUBLIC LAWS

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STATE OF MAINE.

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Chapter 251.**CHAP. 251.**

An act altering and increasing the stated terms of the county commissioners for the county of Hancock.

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

SECT. 1. From and after the passage of this act, there shall be three stated meetings of the county commissioners, of the county of Hancock, holden at Ellsworth in said county, on the fourth Tuesdays of January, April and October, in each year, instead of the times now established by law for said meetings.

County commissioners' court.

SECT. 2. The first meeting of the commissioners in said county shall be on the fourth Tuesday of January annually, at which time they shall designate the commissioner who shall act as chairman for the year.

First meeting.

SECT. 3. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act, are hereby repealed.

[Approved April 13, 1852.]

Chapter 252.

An act to amend section twenty-one, of chapter fourteen, of the revised statutes.

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

The twenty-first section, of the fourteenth chapter, of the revised statutes, is hereby amended, by adding at the end of said section the following words: but should the complainant fail in his application to the commissioners for an abatement, then the commissioners shall allow the same costs to the town, as a prevailing party, in a suit at law, would recover in the supreme judicial court, and may issue their warrant for the collection thereof against said complainant, so that said section as amended, shall read as follows :

Sec. 21, ch. 14, R.S., amended.

SECT. 21. If the assessors shall refuse to make any abatement, the complainant may apply to the county commissioners, at their next meeting, and, should they be of opinion that he is overrated, he shall be relieved by them, and be reimbursed out of the town treasury, so much as the commissioners shall see cause to abate, of the tax upon him, with incidental charges. And the commissioners may require the assessors or town clerk to produce the valuation, by which the assessment was made, or a copy of it. But should the complainant fail in his appli-

Complainant may apply to county commissioners.

Assessors or clerk to produce valuation when required.

CHAP. 253.

In case the complainant fail in his application, &c.

cation to the commissioners for an abatement, then the commissioners shall allow the same costs to the town, as a prevailing party in a suit at law, would recover in the supreme judicial court, and shall issue their warrant for the collection thereof, against said complainant.

[Approved April 17, 1852.]

Chapter 253.

An act to amend chapter one hundred and four of the revised statutes.

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

Sec. 56, ch. 104,
R.S., amended.

That the fifty-sixth section of the one hundred and fourth chapter of the revised statutes be amended by adding thereto the following words: "nor shall any sheriff be allowed to tax or take from any of his deputies a percentage on any items returned by him pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, except on the items of travel and service named in this section, notwithstanding the bond given by any such deputy may otherwise provide," so that said fifty-sixth section, as amended, will read as follows:

Fees of sheriffs
and deputies,
regulation of.

SECT. 56. No sheriff shall receive from any of his deputies any portion of the fees, for levying and collecting executions issued by a justice of the peace, wherein the debt or damage does not exceed twenty dollars; nor more than at the rate of twelve per cent. on the amount of fees for travel and service of precepts; nor shall any sheriff be allowed to tax or take from any of his deputies, a percentage on any items returned by him, pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, except on the items of travel and service named in this section, notwithstanding the bond given by any such deputy may otherwise provide.

[Approved April 17, 1852.]

Chapter 254.

An act for the support of certain insane persons at the insane hospital.

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

The governor is hereby authorized to draw his warrant upon