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### ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

## THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

OF THE

### STATE OF MAINE,

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thereof to the secretary of state, on or before the third Wednes. Chap. 266. day of January annually.

[Approved April 21, 1852.]

#### Chapter 266.

An act explanatory of the third section of chapter ninety-three of the revised statutes.

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

The third section of chapter ninety-three of the revised stat- Sec. 3, ch. 93, utes, shall be so construed as to make the illegitimate children therein mentioned, heirs of the father, as well as of the brothers and sisters, and in the same manner, as if they had been born in lawful wedlock whenever their parents shall have intermarried and acknowledged them or adopted them, as therein provided.

R. S., construction of.

[Approved April 21, 1852.]

#### Chapter 267.

An act additional relating to the election of certain county officers.

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

Whenever two or more vacancies in the office of county commissioners in any county, shall occur by expiration of their terms of office, such vacancies shall be filled by election on the second Monday of September, next preceding such expiration, and the person having the highest number of votes, shall hold for the period of three years; and the person having the next highest number of votes, shall hold for the period of two years; and if three such vacancies are to be so filled, the person having the smallest number of votes of the three persons elected, shall hold for one year; if two or more persons have an equal number of votes, the governor, with the advice of council, shall designate who shall hold for the longest term, and who shall hold for the shortest term.

County commissioners, election and term of office.

[Approved April 22, 1852,]