

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

EXTRA SESSION OF THE THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE, 1853,

AND THE

THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

1854.

~~~~~  
Published by the Secretary of State, agreeably to Resolves of June 28, 1820,  
Feb. 26, 1840, and March 16, 1842.  
~~~~~

Augusta:

WILLIAM T. JOHNSON, PRINTER TO THE STATE.

1854.

PUBLIC LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1854.

CHAP. 105.**Chapter 105.**

An act for the regulation of intelligence offices.

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

License of
intelligence
offices.

SECT. 1. No person shall hereafter establish or keep any intelligence office, in any city or town in this state, for the purpose of obtaining places of employment for male or female family domestics, servants, or other laborers, except seamen, or for procuring or giving information concerning such places, for or to such domestics, servants, or other laborers, except seamen, or for procuring or giving information concerning such domestics, servants or laborers, for or to employers, without a license, as hereinafter provided, under a penalty, not exceeding fifty dollars, for every day such office shall be so kept, to be recovered by complaint or indictment in any court of competent jurisdiction.

Penalty for
neglect.

Licenses, how
granted.

SECT. 2. The mayor and aldermen of any city and the selectmen of any town, may grant licenses for the term of one year to suitable persons for the foregoing purposes, and may at any time, for cause shown after notice to the person licensed, revoke and annul any such license.

Fee for license.

The person applying for such license, shall, before receiving the same, be required to pay to the mayor and aldermen or selectmen, a fee of one dollar for his license.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect in thirty days after its passage.

[Approved April 20, 1854.]

Chapter 106.

An act to authorize the establishment and maintenance of public libraries.

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

Public libraries,
establishment of
authorized.

SECT. 1. Any city, town or plantation of this state, is hereby authorized to establish and maintain a public library within the same for the use of the inhabitants thereof; and to provide suitable rooms therefor, under such regulations for the government of such library, as may from time to time be prescribed by the inhabitants of such city, town or plantation.

Money for
foundation and
support of, how
raised.

SECT. 2. Any city, town or plantation may appropriate for the foundation and commencement of such library as aforesaid,

a sum not exceeding one dollar for each of its ratable polls in the year next preceding that in which such appropriations shall be made; and may also appropriate annually for the maintenance and increase of such library a sum not exceeding twenty-five cents for each of its ratable polls in the year next preceding that in which such appropriation shall be made.

SECT. 3. Any city, town or plantation may receive in its corporate capacity, and hold and manage any devise, bequest or donation for the establishment, increase or maintenance of a public library within the same.

Donations, &c.

[Approved April 20, 1854.]

Chapter 107.

An act in addition to an act concerning railroads.

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

SECT. 1. Any person who shall fraudulently evade or attempt to evade the payment of any toll or fare lawfully established by any railroad or steamboat corporation, either by giving a false answer to the collector of the toll or fare, or by traveling beyond the point to which he may have paid his toll or fare, or by leaving the train without having paid the toll or fare established for the distance traveled or otherwise, shall, upon conviction thereof before any justice of the peace in any county where such offense may have been committed, be punished by a fine of not less than five nor more than twenty dollars for every such offense, together with the costs of prosecution; and no person who shall not, on demand, first pay such established toll or fare, shall be entitled to be transported over said railroad.

Tolls on railroads and steamboats, penalty for evading.

SECT. 2. The fees and compensation to county commissioners, when employed in estimating damages for the laying out of railroads, or other services in relation to railroads, shall be the same as are provided by law for like services in laying out or altering highways.

Fees of county commissioners for estimating damages for laying out railroads, established.

[Approved April 20, 1854.]