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CHAP. 141.**Chapter 141.**

An act to regulate billiard rooms.

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

Billiard rooms,
penalty for
admitting minors
to.

SECT. 1. The keeper of any billiard room or table who shall admit minors to the same without the written consent of their parent or guardian, or who shall suffer any persons to play at the same after six o'clock in the afternoon of Saturday, or after ten o'clock in the afternoon of any other day, shall forfeit ten dollars for the first offense, and twenty dollars for each offense after the first, to the use of the prosecutor therefor.

Any marshal, or
sheriff, &c.,
authorized to
enforce law.

SECT. 2. Any marshal or his deputy, sheriff or his deputy, constable or police officer, may at any time enter into said billiard room, or any other room connected therewith, for the purpose of enforcing this or any other act; and any person who shall obstruct or hinder the entrance of any such officer, shall be liable to a penalty of not less than five nor more than twenty dollars.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect from and after its approval by the governor.

[Approved March 12, 1855.]

Chapter 142.

An act to amend an act entitled "An act to incorporate the city of Gardiner."

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

Judge of police
court for city of
Gardiner,
salary of.

SECT. 1. The judge of the police court for the city of Gardiner, in the county of Kennebec, in lieu of the compensation now given him by law, shall receive in full compensation for his services, five hundred dollars per annum, to be paid quarter yearly, at the treasury of the county of Kennebec. And in all processes, whether of a civil or criminal nature, which may be brought before him, and for all copies of his records, or papers remaining in any case on his files, it shall be the duty of said judge to tax, claim, and receive all such fees, as would accrue to any justice of the peace for similar services, and to account therefor, quarter yearly, on oath to the treasurer of said county, towards his salary; and the balance, if any there be, over and above the salary of the said judge, for any such quarter, shall be paid into the treasury of said county.

Fees, how
disposed of.

Fines, &c., to be
accounted for.

SECT. 2. All fines and penalties which may be awarded by said judge, shall be accounted for, and paid over, as if the same had

been awarded by the sentence of any justice of the peace. The judge may appoint and employ a recorder, who shall be a justice of the peace for said county, duly qualified, at his own expense and during his pleasure, who shall be duly sworn; and in case of the absence or sickness of the judge, shall have all the powers of the judge, except the trial of issues in civil actions; and the judge, when no such recorder is appointed by him, shall perform all the duties which are now by law to be performed by the recorder.

CHAP. 143.

Recorder
appointment and
duties of.

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

[Approved March 12, 1855.]

Chapter 143.

An act to punish the fraudulent issue and transfer of certificates of stock in corporations.

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

SECT. 1. Every president, cashier, treasurer, secretary, or other officer, and every agent of any bank, railroad, manufacturing or other corporation, who shall willfully and designedly sign, with intent to issue, sell or pledge, or cause to be issued, sold or pledged, or shall willfully and designedly issue, sell or pledge, or cause to be issued, sold or pledged, any false, fraudulent, or simulated certificate, or other evidence of the ownership, or transfer of any share or shares of the capital stock of such corporation, or any certificate or other evidence of the ownership or transfer of any share or shares in stock in such corporation, or any instrument purporting to be a certificate, or other evidence of such ownership or transfer, the signing, issuing, selling or pledging of which, by such president, cashier, treasurer, or other officer or agent, shall not be authorized by the charter and by-laws of such corporation, or by some amendment thereof, shall be adjudged guilty of felony, and shall be punished by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars, and imprisonment in the state prison not less than one year nor more than ten years, in the discretion of the court.

The fraudulent
issuing and
transfer of
certificates of
stock in
corporations
prohibited.

Penalty for.

[Approved March 12, 1855.]