

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

1855.

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OF THE

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CHAP. 153. have remained in his possession at least three months after the expiration of the time for which the same was pawned or pledged; and all such sales shall be at public auction and not otherwise, by duly licensed auctioneer, and after publication of notice in some newspaper, if any be published in the city or town, where such articles shall be pawned or pledged, specifying the time and place of sale within said city or town, the name of the auctioneer, and a description of the goods or articles to be sold. If no newspaper be published in such city or town, the notice of sale shall be posted up in two public places in said city or town, at least two weeks before said sale.

--sale of, to be advertised.

Certain sales void.

SECT. 7. All sales of goods or articles pawned or pledged, not made in pursuance of the provisions of this act, shall be wholly void. Any person who shall undertake to sell such goods or articles in violation hereof, shall pay a fine of twenty dollars for every offense, to be recovered by complaint to the use of the State.

Surplus proceeds of sales, how disposed of, &c.

SECT. 8. The surplus money, if any, arising from any sale as aforesaid, of goods or articles pawned or pledged, after deducting the amount of the loan, the interest then due on the same, and the proportional part of the expenses of the advertisement and sale, shall be paid over by the person selling such goods or articles, to the person who would be entitled to redeem the same, if no sale had taken place. And if such surplus be not paid over on demand, the person retaining the same shall forfeit and pay double the amount so retained, to be recovered by complaint or indictment, one-half to the use of the person entitled to receive the said surplus, the other half to the use of the state.

[Approved March 14, 1855.]

Chapter 153.

An act to amend chapter eighty-seven of the revised statutes on marriage.

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

Licensed ministers authorized to solemnize marriages.

SECT. 1. Any person regularly licensed to preach, by an association of ministers, religious seminary or ecclesiastical body, being duly appointed and commissioned by the governor and council, shall have power to solemnize marriages in conformity to the power given by said commission to him. And the twelfth section of chapter eighty-seven of the revised statutes, is amended in pursuance hereof.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect from and after the approval of this act by the governor.

[Approved March 14, 1855.]