

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

THIRTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

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PUBLIC LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

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CHAP. 224.

Chapter 224.

An act to amend chapter one hundred and eighty-seven of the laws of eighteen hundred and fifty-five.

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

Chap. 187, public laws of 1855, repealed, except section 1.

SECT. 1. All of chapter one hundred and eighty-seven of the laws of eighteen hundred and fifty-five, approved March seven-teenth, eighteen hundred and fifty-five, except the first section, is hereby repealed.

Officers, how elected.

SECT. 2. At each annual meeting of said society, it shall elect, by ballot, a president, secretary, and such other officers as may be deemed necessary, and thirteen members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Quorum.

May hold real and personal estate.

SECT. 3. Said society may take and hold property, real and personal, the annual income of which shall not exceed five thousand dollars, to be applied exclusively to the advancement of agriculture, horticulture, and the arts connected therewith; and the treasurer of said society shall give suitable bonds to the board of trustees for the safe keeping of said property, and for the faithful discharge of his duties.

Income, how applied.

Bond of treasurer.

Money paid from state treasury upon certain conditions.

SECT. 4. There shall be paid from the treasurer of state, each year, during the next five years, after the passage of this act, as many dollars as may be raised by said society, by assessment on the members thereof, or otherwise, not exceeding one thousand dollars in each year; and the governor and council, on presentation of a certificate, signed by the president thereof, stating the amount of money thus raised and actually received as the property and for the benefit of said society, shall draw their warrant for a like amount as above specified.

Money received from the treasury, how appropriated. Premiums.

SECT. 5. The money received from the state shall be paid in premiums, for the encouragement of the various departments of agriculture, horticulture, and the arts connected therewith; and a full and correct statement of such expenditures, together with the several reports of the committees, and the statements of the several competitors, shall be annually transmitted to the board of agriculture through the secretary, the same as the county societies are required to do.

Reports of committees, &c., to be transmitted to board of agriculture.

Vice presidents.

SECT. 6. The several presidents of the county agricultural societies, who are members of the state society, shall be, *ex-officio*, vice presidents thereof.

Board of trustees.

SECT. 7. A committee of five, consisting of Samuel F. Perley, Seth Scammon, Francis Purington, Daniel Lancaster and J. D. Lang, shall perform the duties of a board of trustees of

said society, until a board of trustees be chosen in conformity with the constitution of said society.

CHAP. 225.

[Approved March 22, 1856.]

Chapter 225.

An act explanatory of section five, article second, of an act entitled "An act to provide for the education of youth."

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

School district meetings, on the written application of three or more of the legal voters in such districts, respectively, stating the reasons and objects of the proposed meetings, may be called by the selectmen of the town containing such district, whenever the agent or agents of such districts, if any have been appointed, shall neglect or refuse so to do.

Mode of calling meetings of school districts in certain cases.

[Approved March 25, 1856.]

Chapter 226.

An act to increase the salary of the register of probate for the county of Washington.

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

SECT. 1. The salary of the register of probate for the county of Washington, shall be four hundred and fifty dollars per year, instead of the sum now by law established.

Salary increased.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect on the first day of April of the present year.

[Approved March 27, 1856.]

Chapter 227.

An act additional relating to supervisors and superintending school committees.

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

SECT. 1. Whenever any city or town shall determine to elect, and shall elect, a supervisor of schools, as provided by law, the power and jurisdiction of any member or members of

Superintending school committees, jurisdiction to cease upon the