

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

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CHAP. 276. bond so executed may be delivered and accepted by the directors, if deemed by them sufficient.

Proceedings in suits upon such bonds.

Judgment.

SECT. 2. Any suit upon such bond may be brought against all the parties thereto jointly, or against any one or more of the sureties, jointly or severally. In such suit against all the parties jointly, if the plaintiffs shall prevail, judgment shall be rendered against the principal for the whole amount of damages sustained by the plaintiffs, and against each surety, for the same amount, if it shall not exceed the sum for which he became holden and bound by his subscription; otherwise for such part of said damages as shall be equal to the sum so subscribed by him; and several executions may be issued under such judgment, against each of said parties, for the several amounts aforesaid, with costs. But only one bill of costs, except the fee for the execution, and officers' fees thereon, shall be collected under such judgment, and the sum first collected under such judgment, shall be applied, if sufficient, and, so far as necessary, in payment and satisfaction of costs of suit.

Executions.

Surety's right of action for indemnity.

SECT. 3. Every surety shall have a right of action against his principal for indemnity, as in case of other liabilities on bonds, and any surety in such bond as is authorized by this act to be executed and given, shall have a right of action for contribution against any other surety, according to the principles of the common law.

—for contribution.

[Approved April 10, 1856.]

## Chapter 276.

An act to change the time of holding the May term of the supreme judicial court in the county of Lincoln.

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

Time of holding May term, changed.

SECT. 1. The supreme judicial court shall be holden on the third Tuesday of May, annually, at Wiscasset, within and for the county of Lincoln, instead of the first Tuesday of May, as is now prescribed by section fifteen of "An act concerning the supreme judicial court and its jurisdiction," approved April ninth, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two.

Actions commenced and pending.

SECT. 2. All matters and things returnable to, and which would, but for the provisions of this act, have day at the term of said court provided to be held on the first Tuesday of May,

in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, by former statute, shall be returnable to, and have day at the term of said court, to be held on the third Tuesday of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six.

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

[Approved April 10, 1856.]

### Chapter 277.

An act additional concerning electors and elections.

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

SECT. 1. Whenever any person of foreign birth shall produce and exhibit to the aldermen, selectmen or assessors of the city, town or plantation, in which he resides, his naturalization papers, issued to him from any court in the United States, and it shall appear to said aldermen, selectmen or assessors, that said papers are in due form and were issued by a court having jurisdiction of such matters, and that such person is entitled to vote in such city, town or plantation, they shall approve such papers by endorsement thereon, in writing, under the hand of one of their number, with the date of such approval; and shall also register in a book kept for that purpose, the name of such person, whose naturalization papers have been thus approved by them, with the date of the issue of said papers, the court by which the same were issued, and the date of such approval. Such aldermen, selectmen or assessors, shall also cause the name of such person whose papers shall have been by them approved as aforesaid, to be entered on the list of voters of such city, town or plantation. After such approval of the naturalization papers of any person, it shall be the duty of the aldermen, selectmen and assessors as aforesaid, to continue the name of every such person upon the successive lists of voters in such city, town or plantation, without requiring the further production of his naturalization papers, so long as he shall continue to reside in such city, town or plantation, and shall continue to be in other respects qualified to vote under the constitution and laws of this state. And if any such officer shall willfully neglect or refuse to register as aforesaid the name of any such person whose papers may have been approved

Approval of naturalization papers of persons of foreign birth, by officers of cities, towns and plantations.

Registration of the same.

Name of person whose papers have been approved, to be entered on the list of voters.

—to be continued on successive lists.

Forfeiture by officer, willfully neglecting to register the names of such persons.