

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

## THIRTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

## STATE OF MAINE.

1859.

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# PUBLIC LAWS

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## Chapter 55.

An act relating to the annual school returns and the distribution of the state school funds.

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

SECT. 1. The superintending school committees or supervisors of the several cities, towns and plantations, shall make their annual school returns now required by law, into the office of the secretary of state, on the first day of May, and shall give the number of scholars as they existed on the first day of April, preceding.

School returns to be made May first.

SECT. 2. The secretary of state shall, on the first day of June, notify the school committees of any towns whose returns were not received at his office in May, and shall annually ascertain on the first day of July, the number of children between four and twenty-one years of age, in the towns from which returns are received, and furnish a list thereof to the state treasurer, and the treasurer shall immediately after the first day of July apportion to the towns all state school funds for the year, according to such list, and in the manner prescribed in section twenty-five chapter eleven of the revised statutes.

Scholars numbered April first.

Delinquent towns notified June first.

List to be furnished state treasurer July first, and funds apportioned.

SECT. 3. All acts and part of acts inconsistent with this act, are hereby repealed.

Acts inconsistent repealed.

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SECT. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its approval by the governor.

[Approved February 15, 1859.]

### Chapter 56.

An act to enable cities and towns to procure the writing and publication of the histories of the same.

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

Towns authorized to procure histories and raise money therefor.

The inhabitants of cities and towns are hereby authorized and empowered to procure the writing and publication of the histories of their own cities and towns, and for this purpose, may raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the same, in the same manner as cities and towns are now authorized to raise money for necessary city and town charges.

[Approved February 15, 1859.]

### Chapter 57.

An act to amend the act entitled "an act to establish a municipal court in the city of Portland," approved February twentieth, eighteen hundred and fifty-six.

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

Ninth section of act amended.

SECT. 1. That the act entitled "an act to establish a municipal court in the city of Portland," approved February twentieth, eighteen hundred and fifty-six, is hereby amended by striking out in the ninth section of said act the words "*and Thursday*;" so that said section may read as follows :

Court to be held on Monday.

SECT. 9. The municipal court shall be held on Monday of each week, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, and no civil process shall be returnable at any other time.

Tenth section amended.

SECT. 2. Said act is hereby further amended by adding to the tenth section thereof, the following words : "All writs issued by said court shall be under its seal and bear test of the judge, and shall be signed by the recorder;" so that the whole of the said tenth section may read as follows :

Recorder, how appointed and qualified.

SECT. 10. There shall be a recorder of said court, who shall always be a justice of the peace, and duly qualified as such, and he shall be appointed by the governor, by and with the advice of the