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# ACTS AND RESOLVES

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## THIRTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

## STATE OF MAINE.

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## CHAP. 118.

— deduction  
for absence.

Salary of pres-  
ident and  
speaker.

— of president  
and speaker  
pro tem.  
Pay rolls.

Ch. 115, sec. 6,  
R. S. repealed  
in part.

Extra sessions,  
members how  
paid.

and at the end thereof the balance of said salary, if any part of the same remains unpaid. But in case any member shall be absent from his duties, without being excused therefor by the house to which he belongs, there shall be deducted from his said salary two dollars for each and every day he shall be so absent. The president of the senate and speaker of the house of representatives shall be paid a salary of three hundred dollars for each regular session of the legislature, with the same mileage as other members, and subject to the same deduction in case of absence as aforesaid. Any member acting as president pro tem. of the senate or speaker pro tem. of the house shall receive two dollars per day extra therefor. Pay rolls shall be made, and payment made by the treasurer of state according to these provisions.

SECT. 2. The sixth section of the one hundred and fifteenth chapter of the revised statutes, is hereby repealed so far as the same relates to compensation of members of the senate and house of representatives, but no further.

SECT. 3. In case an extra session is called by the governor in accordance with the provisions of the constitution, the members of the senate and house of representatives shall be paid according to the present provisions of the revised statutes.

[Approved April 4, 1859.]

## Chapter 118.

An act to amend chapter one hundred and thirteen of the revised statutes, relating to the relief of poor debtors.

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

Ch. 113, sec. 21,  
R. S. amended.

SECT. 1. The twenty-first section of chapter one hundred and thirteen of the revised statutes, is hereby amended, by striking out all after the word "stated" in the fifth line in the printed copy.

Ch. 113, sec. 5,  
R. S. amended.

SECT. 2. The fifth section of the same chapter is also amended, so as to read as follows :

Mode of mak-  
ing disclosure.

SECT. 5. If the debtor makes a full disclosure at the appointed time and place to the satisfaction of said justices of the actual state of his affairs and all his property, rights and credits, answers all proper interrogatories in regard to the same, and if the justices are satisfied that the disclosure is true, and do not discover anything therein inconsistent with his taking the oath prescribed in the twenty-eighth section of this chapter, they may administer such oath to

him and certify the fact upon the writ, and the debtor shall thereupon be discharged from arrest by the person having him in custody.

CHAP. 119.

Discharge.

SECT. 3. The seventh section is also amended, so as to read as follows, to wit:

SECT. 7. If the debtor is discharged from arrest, no execution issuing on the judgment in the suit or process, shall run against his body, but against his property only.

Ch. 113, sec. 5,  
R. S. amended.  
Effect of discharge.

[Approved April 4, 1859.]

### Chapter 119.

An act to aid the Aroostook Railroad Company, increase the value and promote the sale and settlement of the public lands.

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

SECT. 1. All the public lands shall hereafter be managed and sold under the direction of the governor, council, state treasurer and the land agent, for the time being, and they are hereby constituted a board for that purpose; and the governor, state treasurer and the land agent, in the absence of the council shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business hereby confided to them. Said board shall, from time to time, cause all lands suitable for settlement, to be surveyed into lots of one hundred and sixty acres each, and cause the character of each lot to be noted on the plan or plans of such survey, to be retained in the land office. And the board shall cause a minimum price to be noted on each lot. The land agent may thereupon, under their direction, sell and convey such lots or parts of lots, at that price, or at a higher price, not however exceeding in any case one dollar an acre to an actual settler, nor more than one hundred and sixty acres be sold and conveyed to any one person. And every purchaser beside the payment of one dollar per acre shall be required within two years from the date of his purchase to establish his residence on his lot, and within four years from such date to clear on each lot not less than fifteen acres, ten of which shall be laid down to grass, and to build a comfortable dwelling house on it, and if the purchaser fails to perform any of the foregoing duties required of him, he forfeits all right to the land, and it may be sold to another person.

Board for managing public lands.

Quorum.

Settling lands, how to be surveyed.

— price to be fixed.

— land agent to convey, conditions.

— settling duties required.

— failing to perform, forfeit.

Timber lands may be sold for a price exceeding one dollar per acre at private sale or at auction, under such regulations as the above named board may prescribe, after giving six months notice thereof.

Timber lands, how to be sold.