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ACTS AND RESOLVES

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PUBLIC LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

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CHAP. 53.

Chapter 53.

An act in relation to the competency of witnesses.

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

Persons convicted of criminal offence not incompetent as a witness.

No person shall be incompetent to testify in any court or proceeding at law in consequence of having been convicted of any criminal offence, but such conviction may be shown to affect his credibility.

[Approved March 16, 1861.]

Chapter 54.

An act in relation to elections in cities.

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

List of voters resident in wards, to be posted in cities having more than one thousand voters, &c.,

In all cities having more than one thousand legal voters therein, it shall be the duty of the aldermen of each city to post up in some public place in each ward, a true printed or written list of the legal voters resident in said ward, such list to be posted at least seven days previous to the day of any election.

[Approved March 16, 1861.]

Chapter 55.

An act to amend chapter eleven of the revised statutes relating to common schools.

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

Ch. 11, sec. 17 and 18, R. S., amended.

SECT. 1. Sections seventeen and eighteen of the eleventh chapter of the revised statutes are hereby amended by inserting in each section after the words "municipal officers," the words, or any justice of the peace.

Section 26, amended. Districts maintaining graded schools, may raise money.

SECT. 2. Section twenty-six of said chapter is hereby amended by adding to said section the words, and any school district maintaining graded schools may raise money for the support of its schools as provided in this section for districts composed of two or more districts.

Section 49, amended.

SECT. 3. Section forty-nine of said chapter is amended by striking out of the twelfth item of said section the words "if their reports are printed."

SECT. 4. Section sixty-seven of said chapter is amended by substituting for said section the words following: He shall receive a salary of ten hundred dollars, and for travelling and other expenses the sum of five hundred dollars, to be paid quarterly on the first days of April, July, October and January.

CHAP. 56.

Section 67,
amended.
Salary of
superintendent
established.

SECT. 5. Section six of the normal school act, approved March twentieth, eighteen hundred and sixty, is hereby repealed.

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normal school
act repealed.

SECT. 6. This act shall take effect when approved.

[Approved March 16, 1861.]

Chapter 56.

An act to amend chapter forty of the public laws of the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight.

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

Chapter forty of the public laws of eighteen hundred and fifty eight is hereby amended by adding at the end of section three the following words: But no second review shall be granted in any case in which more than one verdict has been rendered against the petitioner, except by the full court; so that said section as amended shall read as follows :

Ch. 40, laws of
1853, amended.

SECT. 3. A second review in a civil action may be granted if a petition therefor is filed within three years after the judgment on the first review, when in the opinion of the court, justice manifestly requires it, and on such terms as the court may impose, but no second review shall be granted in any case in which more than one verdict has been rendered against the petitioner, except by the full court.

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[Approved March 16, 1861.]

Chapter 57.

An act relating to the state reform school.

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

SECT. 1. All commitments of boys in this institution shall be during their minority unless sooner discharged by order of the trustees as provided in this bill, and when any boy is discharged therefrom at the expiration of his term or as reformed, or at the

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—effect of
discharge.