

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

## FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

OF THE

## STATE OF MAINE.

1864.

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PUBLIC LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1864.

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**Chapter 279.**

An act relating to the choice and duties of town auditors of accounts.

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

Auditors of accounts, certain towns may choose.

SECT. 1. Towns containing one thousand or more inhabitants, at their annual meeting shall choose by ballot in the same manner as other officers are chosen, one auditor of accounts.

Selectmen, treasurer, &c., to submit statement of expenditures to auditor.  
—to be laid before the town.

SECT. 2. The selectmen, treasurer and every other person charged with the expenditure of any moneys of the town shall at least fourteen days before the annual meeting in each year, submit a statement of such expenditures to said auditor, to be by him laid before the town, stating therein the amount of such expenditures, to whom and for what purposes the same was paid ; said auditor shall submit his report to the town at its annual meeting, which report shall state the liabilities and resources of the town and all expenditures of moneys as aforesaid, all claims by him allowed and all claims by him rejected. No action of said auditor shall bind the town until said action is accepted by the town. The compensation of said auditor shall be the same per day as that of selectmen.

Auditor to make report to town.

—not to bind town until accepted.

Auditor to cause report to be printed and distributed.

SECT. 3. Said auditor shall at least seven days before the annual meeting, cause a sufficient number of said reports to be printed, to furnish each voter with one copy, for the use of the town, and to be left at the several post offices in said town for distribution, and he shall forward one copy thereof to the secretary of state.

Selectmen to act as auditors for 1864.

SECT. 4. The selectmen of towns, shall for the municipal year of eighteen hundred and sixty-four, perform all the duties required by this act to be performed by auditors of accounts.

Act not to apply to cities.

SECT. 5. This act shall not apply to any incorporated city.

Approved March 25, 1864.

**Chapter 280.**

An act relating to evidence in criminal prosecutions.

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

Persons charged with crime deemed competent witnesses.

SECT. 1. In the trial of all indictments, complaints and other proceedings against persons charged with the commission of crimes or offences, the person so charged shall at his own request, but not otherwise, be deemed a competent witness ; the credit to be given to his testimony being left solely to the jury under the instructions of the court.