

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

## FORTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

## STATE OF MAINE.

1865.

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PUBLIC LAWS

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## CHAP. 289.

**Chapter 289.**

An act to prevent the defacing of private property and natural objects by advertisements.

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

Advertisements on fences, private property, rocks or other natural objects, prohibited.

SECT. 1. All persons are hereby prohibited from advertising their wares or occupations, by painting notices of the same on, or affixing them to fences or other private property, or on rocks or other natural objects, without the previous consent of the owner, or if in the highway or any other public place, without the permission of the mayor of cities, selectmen of towns, or assessors of plantations.

Penalty.

SECT. 2. Any person violating the provisions of this act shall be punished by a fine of ten dollars for each offence, to be recovered on complaint, one-half of which shall be for the use of the prosecutor and one-half for the use of the town in which the offence is committed.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect on its approval by the governor.

Approved February 4, 1865.

**Chapter 290.**

An act to ratify an amendment of the constitution of the United States, proposed to the legislatures of the several states, by a resolution of Congress approved on the first day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, at the second session of the thirty-eighth Congress of the United States of America, held at Washington, in the District of Columbia, on the first day of February aforesaid, it was resolved as follows, viz :

*Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, (two-thirds of both houses concurring,) that the following article be proposed to the legislatures of the several states as an amendment to the constitution of the United States, which when ratified by three-fourths of said legislatures shall be valid to all intents and purposes, as a part of the said constitution, namely :*

## ARTICLE XIII.

Amendment proposed.

SECT. 1. Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States or any place subject to their jurisdiction.

SECT. 2. Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

*Be it therefore enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Maine in Legislature assembled, as follows, viz :* CHAP. 291.

SECT. 1. That the said proposed amendment be and the same is hereby ratified on behalf of the State of Maine. Ratified.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect on its approval by the governor.

Approved February 7, 1865.

### Chapter 291.

An act to amend chapter two hundred and fifty-one, section one of the public laws of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-four, relating to poll taxes.

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

SECT. 1. Section one of chapter two hundred and fifty-one of the public laws of the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, is hereby amended by striking out the word "two," in the last line of said section, and inserting in its place the word *three*, so that the provision in this section as amended shall read as follows, viz :—*one-sixth part, as nearly as may be, of the whole sum to be raised ; but the whole poll tax assessed in one year upon an individual for town, county and state purposes, except highway taxes separately assessed, shall not exceed three dollars.* Chap. 251,  
sec. 1 of the  
laws of 1864,  
amended.

Poll tax, how  
assessed and  
established.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved February 8, 1865.

### Chapter 292.

An act to amend chapter two hundred and sixty-four of the public laws of the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, entitled "an act requiring the secretary of state to furnish the clerks of courts in the several counties, a list of all persons commissioned and qualified as justices of the peace and quorum, trial justices, and notaries public."

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

Section one of chapter two hundred and sixty-four of the public laws of the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "counties" in the second line, the words, *and to the clerks of the United States courts in this state, so that the first sentence of said section as amended will read as follows :* Chap. 264 of  
the public laws  
of 1864,  
amended.