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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

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OF THE

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PUBLIC LAWS

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Chapter 44.

CHAP. 44.

An act to give the supreme judicial court further jurisdiction in matters of divorce.

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

The supreme judicial court shall have jurisdiction in all matters of divorce, to be exercised in the manner prescribed in the sixtieth chapter of the revised statutes, and in any and all other statutes relating to such matters, if the party applying for divorce, at the time of preferring his or her libel, shall have been a resident of this state in good faith for the period of one year.

Additional to chap. 60 R. S., relating to divorce.

Approved March 5, 1869.

Chapter 45.

An act to amend chapter two hundred and thirty-three of the public laws of eighteen hundred and sixty-four, relating to collection of penalties against selectmen for not using the check list.

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

SECT. 1. Section three of chapter two hundred and thirty-three of the public laws of the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, is hereby amended so as to read as follows :

Public laws 1864, chap. 233, sect. 3, relating to recovery of penalties against selectmen for not using check lists and proper ballot boxes, amended.

'Sect. 3. Any penalty provided for in the two preceding sections hereof, or in said chapter four of the revised statutes, or in the act additional thereto, approved February twenty-second, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight, in case the treasurer refuses or neglects for ten days after written request of any voter to commence a suit therefor, may be recovered by said voter in a suit in his own name, to the same uses as specified in said chapter.'

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

Approved March 5, 1869.

Chapter 46.

An act to amend section one of chapter one hundred and fifteen of the public laws of eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, establishing the times of holding the several terms of the supreme judicial court.

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

The first section of said act is hereby amended by striking out after the word "the" in the seventh line the words "first Tues-

Public laws 1867, chap. 115, sect. 1, relating to terms

CHAP. 47.

of law court,
amended.

day of December," and inserting in place thereof the words 'third Tuesday of June,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows :

'SECT. 1. There shall be annual sessions of the supreme judicial court as a court of law, as follows :

Middle district.
Western district.
Eastern district.

For the middle district, at Augusta, on the fourth Tuesday of May. For the western district, at Portland, on the third Tuesday of July. For the eastern district, at Bangor, on the third Tuesday of June.'

First term in each district to have cognizance of all matters returnable therein.

The first term held under the provisions of this section in each district shall have full cognizance of all suits, processes, matters and things that but for the provisions of this act would have come before the first term in such district hereby abolished.

By consent any case before law court may be tried in either district.

By consent of parties any action or other matter which properly comes before the law court, may be entered and heard in either judicial district, and shall be in order after the regular business of the district is disposed of.

Approved March 5, 1869.

Chapter 47.

An act to amend chapter two hundred and nineteen of the public laws of eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, relating to the settlement of paupers.

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

Public laws 1868, chap. 219, sect. 1, relating to relief of paupers in unincorporated places, amended.

SECT. 1. The first section of chapter two hundred and nineteen of the public laws of eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, entitled "An act to repeal the twenty-second section of chapter twenty-four of the revised statutes," is hereby amended by adding to said section the following words : 'And the state in like manner shall reimburse towns that may furnish relief to paupers that have no legal settlement in any town in this state and have removed from an unincorporated place,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows :

Section twenty-two of chapter twenty-four of the revised statutes is hereby repealed, and the following section is hereby substituted :

Relief of paupers residing in or removing from unincorporated places.

Persons living in places not incorporated and needing relief are under the care of the overseers of the oldest incorporated adjoining town, or the nearest incorporated town where there are none adjoining, who shall furnish relief to such persons in the same manner as though they were found in such town ; and such overseers may bind to service the children of such persons as they may those of paupers of their own town, and may bind out per-