

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

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CHAP. 153.**Chapter 153.**

An act to change the time of holding the April term of the supreme judicial court for the county of Lincoln.

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

Change of April term of S. J. C., Lincoln county.

The time of holding the term of the supreme judicial court within and for the county of Lincoln is hereby changed to the fourth Tuesday of April in each year, instead of the first Tuesday of April as now fixed by law ; and all actions and matters now pending in court, and all writs and other processes returnable to the court to be holden on the first Tuesday of April of the present year, shall have day in and be heard at the term of said court to be holden on the fourth Tuesday of said month ; and all orders of notice in matters now pending may be varied accordingly ; and this act shall take effect and be in force when approved.

Approved March 21, 1870.

Chapter 154.

An act to increase the pay of the attorney general.

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

Necessary official expenses of attorney general to be paid by the state.

SECT. 1. In addition to the present salary of the attorney general, there shall be reimbursed to him out of the treasury, annually, a sum equal to the amounts necessarily incurred by him while absent from home on his official business, as audited by the governor and council.

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

Approved March 21, 1870.

Chapter 155.

An act to amend section one, chapter fifty-one of the revised statutes, and to repeal chapter one hundred eighty-six of the public laws of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, relating to railroads.

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

R. S., chap. 51, sect. 1, relating to petitions for

SECT. 1. Section one of chapter fifty-one of the revised statutes, is hereby amended, by striking out all after the word "course," in the third line, so as to read as follows :

'Sect. 1. When a petition for a railroad corporation is presented to the legislature, it must state the places where the road is to begin and end, the distance between them and its general course.'

SECT. 2. Chapter one hundred and eighty-six of the public laws of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, is hereby repealed.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 21, 1870.

CHAP. 156.

incorporation of
railroads,
amended.

Public laws 1868,
chap. 180, relat-
ing to enforcing
judgments
against railroad
corporations,
repealed.

Chapter 156.

An act concerning insurance and insurance companies.

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

SECT. 1. An insurance commissioner shall be appointed by the governor and council, and shall hold his office three years unless sooner removed. The commissioner shall keep a correct record of his doings and of all matters relating to the subject of insurance and insurance companies upon which he may be called officially to act. He shall receive no salary or pay for any services performed by him pertaining to said department, except the fees prescribed by this act.

Office of insurance
commissioner
created.

SECT. 2. Such commissioner shall annually examine or cause to be examined, every joint stock insurance company and mutual life insurance company incorporated by this state, in such manner as to ascertain its ability to meet its engagements and to do a safe insurance business; and he shall make such other examinations as he may regard necessary for the safety of the public or the holders of policies. In all such cases he may require the officers to produce for examination any and all books and papers of the company, and to answer upon oath all questions which he may propound to them in relation to the condition and affairs of the company; and any officer who shall refuse to produce any such books or papers upon his demand, or to be sworn, or to answer any such question, shall be subject to a penalty not exceeding two hundred dollars. Every insurance company incorporated by this state shall organize within two years after its charter is granted, otherwise the charter shall be void, and upon such organization the company shall inform the commissioner thereof.

Duties of
examiner.

SECT. 3. No insurance company incorporated by this state shall commence business by issuing policies until the commissioner shall first examine and ascertain that the company has

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