

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

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Chapter 226.

An act to amend section forty-seven, chapter one hundred and forty of the revised statutes, relating to the state prison.

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

SECT. 1. Section forty-seven of chapter one hundred and forty, is hereby amended, by striking out all in said section after the word "council" in the sixteenth line.

Sect. 47, chap. 140, relating to compensation of subordinate officers, amended.

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

Approved February 25, 1871.

Chapter 227.

An act concerning specie payments.

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

SECT. 1. Chapter seventy-one of the laws of eighteen hundred and sixty-two, entitled "an act to suspend certain provisions in chapter fifty-seven of the revised statutes concerning banks," is hereby continued in force until the fifteenth day of February, eighteen hundred and seventy-two; *provided*, said banking corporations shall, upon demand, pay or tender payment of their bills, checks or drafts in lawful money of the United States.

Suspension of specie payments authorized.

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

Approved February 25, 1871.

Chapter 228.

An act relating to the insane hospital.

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

SECT. 1. That the governor and council be and are hereby authorized and required to inquire into the financial condition and management of the affairs of the insane hospital, and make such changes as they shall deem judicious in the mode and amount of expenditures and the general administration of its financial affairs.

Governor and council authorized to examine into the financial management of the insane hospital.

SECT. 2. That the trustees of the insane hospital shall, quarterly, from and after December first, eighteen hundred and seventy, audit all the accounts of the steward and treasurer, make a report of their doings to the governor and council, together with vouch-

Accounts of the steward and treasurer to be audited by the trustees and approved by the governor and council, quarterly.

CHAP. 229. ers for the several items, for their approval, before such bills shall be allowed.

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

Approved February 25, 1871.

Chapter 229.

An act additional to section fifty-four of chapter eleven of the school laws, relating to employment of teachers.

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

Towns may authorize the district agents or superintending school committee to employ teachers.

A town at its annual meeting may empower the school district agents elected or to be elected for the current year, to employ the teachers instead of the superintending school committee as is now provided in section fifty-four, chapter eleven of the school laws, subject to all other provisions of the law relating to the qualification of teachers. And it shall be lawful for the several towns at their annual March meeting the present year to empower the district agents as above provided, whether there be an article to that effect in the warrant calling the meetings or not.

Approved February 27, 1871.

Chapter 230.

An act additional for the assessment and collection of taxes.

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

Taxation of personal property owned out of the state.

SECT. 1. All goods, wares, merchandise, all logs, timber, boards and other lumber, and all other personal property which, on the first day of April in each year are within this state, and owned by persons residing out of the state, or owned by persons unknown, shall be taxed to the person or persons having the same in possession, or to the person or persons owning or occupying any store, shop, mill, wharf, landing, shipyard or other place therein where said property may be on said first day of April, and a lien is hereby created on said property for said tax, and may be enforced with the same effect as is provided in section thirty-two of chapter six of the revised statutes.

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

Approved February 27, 1871.