

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

FIFTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1872.

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PUBLIC LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE.
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CHAP. 44.**Chapter 44.**

An act additional to chapter six of the revised statutes relating to lands in unincorporated townships.

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

Proceedings in case of failure of title to land sold for non-payment of taxes under sect. 46, chap. 6, R. S.

SECT. 1. That in all cases in which lands in unincorporated places have been bid off under the provisions of section forty-six of chapter six of the revised statutes, and the purchase money has been paid into the treasury of the state and the purchaser has failed to receive a valid and sufficient title to said lands, the title thereto shall revert in the owner of the fee prior to the forfeiture thereof, or in any person claiming under him by deed or otherwise upon payment to the treasurer of the state for the benefit of the purchaser, or any person claiming under him, the amount of the purchase money above named, and all taxes subsequently paid by said purchaser, with twenty per cent. interest thereon from the time of payment and giving notice in writing, signed by said treasurer of said payment to the purchaser, his legal representatives or any party claiming under him, which notice may be served by any officer qualified to serve civil precepts, or by any other person who shall make oath to said service, and a copy of said notice, with proof of service, shall be returned into the treasury of state. Upon payment of one dollar the treasurer of state shall make and deliver to the party making said payment a certificate thereof and of the proof of service returned to him, which shall be conclusive evidence of the facts therein stated in any court of law or equity in this state.

Occupant or tenant to have betterments.

SECT. 2. This act shall apply only to cases of attempted sales under the provisions of section forty-six of chapter six of the revised statutes, and any occupant or tenant under such attempted sale, who has made any improvement thereon, shall have the right to recover the same as provided in chapter ninety-three of the revised statutes, and said lands shall be holden for the payment of such improvements.

Approved February 27, 1872.

Chapter 45.

An act to provide for the removal of the venue of civil and criminal cases in certain contingencies.

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

Change of venue of civil actions or

SECT. 1. That it shall be the duty of any judge of the supreme judicial court for this state, while holding any nisi prius term of