

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

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‘SECT. 1. The clerk of any city, town or plantation in this state, may appoint a citizen of said city, town or plantation, his deputy, who may, in the clerk’s absence, perform all the duties of said office with the same effect as if done by the clerk; and in case of the absence, death, resignation or removal from office, of the clerk without having made such appointment, the municipal officers of any city, town or plantation, may appoint a person, who is a citizen as aforesaid, to fill said office, who may perform all the duties of the clerk during his absence, and in case of his death, resignation or removal from office, till a clerk shall be elected. The appointment may be made in writing, as follows: I, or we, hereby appoint ——— to perform the duties of town clerk, in the town of ———, during the clerk’s absence from his office, or till a clerk shall be elected. ———, clerk, or municipal officers, of the town of ———. Said deputy, or person appointed by the municipal officers, shall be sworn to faithfully perform the duties of his office before he enters thereon.’

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

Approved February 10, 1874.

## Chapter 160.

An act to amend section fifty-seven of chapter two of the revised statutes, for the further security of the sinking funds.

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

Sec. 57, ch. 2, R.  
S., amendment of.

SECT. 1. Section fifty-seven of the said chapter is hereby amended by striking out from the second line thereof the word “may” and inserting in its place the word ‘shall,’ and by adding after the word “treasurer” in the third line thereof the words ‘and no registered bond of this state belonging to either of the said sinking funds shall be negotiated by the treasurer unless the governor’s assent to the transfer shall be first endorsed thereon, and all such bonds shall exhibit upon their face this restriction of their negotiability,’ so that the said section as amended shall read:—

Coupon bonds of  
sinking funds to  
be converted into  
registered bonds.

‘SECT. 57. All coupon bonds issued by this state belonging to either of the sinking funds of this state, shall be converted into bonds registered in the name of the treasurer, and no registered bond of this state belonging to either of the said sinking funds shall be negotiated by the treasurer unless the governor’s assent to the transfer shall be first endorsed thereon, and all such bonds shall exhibit upon their face this restriction of their negotiability; and any coupon bonds so issued and held by or deposited with

Registered bonds,  
how negotiated.

the treasurer for trust purposes may be converted into the registered form of bonds hereby authorized, whenever the parties depositing them shall desire it.'

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

Approved February 13, 1874.

**CHAP. 161.**

**Chapter 161.**

An act to amend section eight of chapter one hundred and thirty-six of the revised statutes, relating to fines and costs in criminal cases.

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

SECT. 1. Section eight of chapter one hundred and thirty-six of the revised statutes is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

'SECT. 8. Every such justice or judge of municipal or police court shall keep a correct docket of all examinations and trials had before him of persons accused of criminal offences, setting forth therein a true account of all fines and forfeitures by him imposed or received upon conviction or sentence; and once a year deliver or transmit to the county commissioners of his county at one of their regular sessions such docket or a copy thereof accompanied by his affidavit that he has faithfully complied with the requirements of the preceding section; and said commissioners shall examine said docket or copies and may summon such justice or judge to appear before them with his original docket and records, by giving him not less than ten days' written notice served by giving him a copy in hand, or by leaving it at his last and usual place of abode. He may be examined on oath relative to his official conduct, and if it is found that he has faithfully observed the requirements of law he shall be allowed a reasonable compensation for his travel and expenses, to be paid from the county treasury.'

Sec. 8, ch. 136, R. S., amendment of.

Judges of municipal or police courts to keep dockets of fines and forfeitures.

Dockets to be transmitted to county commissioners.

Commissioners may summon justice or judge to appear before them.

Justice or judge may be examined.

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

Approved February 13, 1874.

**Chapter 162.**

An act in relation to the assessment of school district taxes.

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

SECT. 1. In the assessment of school district taxes, the assessors may assess on the polls and estate of the owners and residents in the district, such sum over and above the sum committed to

Assessors authorized to assess a sum over and above amount