

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

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PUBLIC LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1876.

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An act to amend section thirty-eight of chapter ninety-one of the Revised Statutes, relating to Mortgages of Personal Property.

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

Sec. 38, ch. 91,  
R. S., amended.

Section thirty-eight of chapter ninety-one of revised statutes is hereby amended, by striking out the words "a manner herein-after provided," and adding thereto the words 'in the manner following : ' After such goods or personal baggage have remained in the possession of such inn-holder or boarding house keeper for the period of six months unredeemed, the same may be sold by auction to pay the sum due for board or lodging, and the expense of advertising and selling the same. Before selling any such articles as aforesaid, the inn-holder or boarding house keeper holding the same, shall give thirty days' notice of the time and place of such sale in a newspaper published in the town or city where such articles are held, and if no newspaper is published in such town or city, notice shall be posted in three conspicuous places in such town or city of the time and place of sale ; said notice shall give a description of such articles, and the name of the owner, and the proceeds of sale, after deducting all charges and expense of advertising said sale, shall be applied in satisfaction of the claim upon which such articles are sold, and the balance, if any, held for the benefit of the person entitled thereto. All sales under the provisions of this section shall be recorded in the office of the town clerk where such sale takes place, in a book kept for that purpose, in which the articles sold shall be correctly described, and the charges and expenses of advertising and selling, and the prices at which they were sold, and such book shall be open to the inspection of all,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows :

Amendment.

Lien on goods and personal baggage to secure payment for board, &c.

Goods and baggage unredeemed may be sold.

Notice of sale to be given.

'SECT. 38. Inn-holders or keepers of boarding houses have a lien on the goods and personal baggage of their boarders, to secure the payment of any money due from them for board or lodging, and may enforce the same by a sale of such goods or baggage, in the manner following: After such goods or personal baggage have remained in the possession of such inn-holder or boarding house keeper for the period of six months, unredeemed, the same may be sold at auction to pay the sum due for board or lodging, and the expense of advertising and selling the same. Before selling any such articles, as aforesaid, the inn-holder or boarding house keeper holding the same shall give thirty days' notice of the time and place of such sale, in a newspaper published in the town or city where such articles are held, and if no newspaper is published in such town or city, notice shall be posted in

three conspicuous places in such town or city, of the time and place of sale; said notice shall give a description of such articles, and the name of the owner, and the proceeds of sale, after deducting all charges and expense of advertising said sale, shall be applied in satisfaction of the claim upon which such articles are sold, and the balance, if any, held for the benefit of the person entitled thereto. All sales under the provisions of this section shall be recorded in the office of the town clerk where such sale takes place, in a book kept for that purpose, in which the articles sold shall be correctly described, and the charges and expenses of advertising and selling, and the prices at which they were sold, and such book shall be open to the inspection of all.'

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Inn holders shall give description of articles and name of person.

Proceeds of sale, how appropriated

Record of sales to be kept.

Approved February 18, 1876.

### Chapter 100.

An act to amend section forty-two of chapter two of the Revised Statutes, relating to the distribution of Election Blanks.

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

SECT. 1. Section forty-two of chapter two of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out all after the words "distributed to the," in the second line, and adding in lieu thereof the words, 'town clerks of the several towns, by mail; and if the clerk of any town shall fail to receive such blanks by the twentieth day of August, in each year, he shall forthwith notify the secretary of state. If the secretary neglect this duty he shall forfeit one hundred dollars for each offence,' so that the section as amended shall read as follows:

Sec. 42, ch. 2, R S, amended.

'SECT. 42. He shall cause all blanks for all election returns required by law to be seasonably distributed to the town clerks of the several towns, by mail; and if the clerk of any town shall fail to receive such blanks by the twentieth day of August, in any year, he shall forthwith notify the secretary of state. If the secretary neglect this duty he shall forfeit one hundred dollars for each offence.'

Blanks for election returns to be distributed to town clerks by mail.

—clerks to notify secretary of state if not received.

Penalty for neglect of duty.

SECT. 2. All laws in any way conflicting with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Certain laws repealed.

Approved February 18, 1876.