

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

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OF THE

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CHAP. 109.

Compensation for appraisers of estates, &c.

—witnesses before probate court.

—how paid.

‘SECT. 30. Appraisers of estates, commissioners for examining claims against insolvent estates or determining disputed claims, and commissioners appointed to make division of estates and for assigning widows’ dower, may be allowed a reasonable compensation therefor, for the time actually employed, including travel and expenses. Witnesses to the execution of wills, or in any issue before the Probate court, one dollar a day, and six cents a mile, going and returning; the fees of witnesses to wills, appraisers, and commissioners on insolvent estates, or disputed claims, shall be paid by the executors, administrators, trustees or guardians, and allowed in the settlement of their accounts.’

Approved February 21, 1876.

Chapter 109.

An act to amend chapter sixty-five of the Revised Statutes, relating to the distribution of the estates of persons deceased out of the state.

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

Ch. 65, R. S., amended.

Chapter sixty-five of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section :

Proceeds of sale of land under a foreign will, how disposed of.

‘SECT. 39. Where lands in this state held in trust under a foreign will, for persons non-resident here have been sold, the probate court for the county in which the will has been allowed may, in its discretion, order the money to be transmitted to the trustee, if there is any, in the state or country where the testator had his domicil.’

Approved February 21, 1876.

Chapter 110.

An act to amend sections eleven and fifteen of chapter fifty-nine of the Revised Statutes, relating to the Solemnization of Marriages.

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

Sec. 15, ch. 59, amended.

SECT. 1. Section fifteen of chapter fifty-nine of the revised statutes, is hereby amended, by striking out the words “annually by the fifteenth of April,” and substituting therefor the words, ‘by the fifteenth day of each month,’ and by striking out the words, “the year ending the last day of March,” and substituting therefor the words, ‘for the preceding month,’ so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows :

‘SECT. 15. Every person, commissioned as aforesaid, shall keep a record of all marriages solemnized by him, and, by the fifteenth day of each month, make return thereof for the preceding month, to the clerk of the town where the marriage is solemnized, certifying the names of the parties, the places of their residence, and the date of the marriage; and for any neglect to do so, he shall forfeit the sum of fifty dollars, one half to the use of the county, and the other to the use of the person suing therefor.’

CHAP. 111.

Return of marriages to be made to town clerk.

Penalty for neglect.

SECT. 2. Section eleven of the same chapter is hereby amended by striking out the words, “and council,” in the fifth line, so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows :

Sec. 11, ch. 59, amended.

‘SECT. 11. Every justice of the peace appointed for a county or for the state, and residing therein; and every ordained minister of the gospel, and every person licensed to preach by an association of ministers, religious seminary, or ecclesiastical body, duly appointed and commissioned for that purpose by the governor, may solemnize marriages within the limits of their appointment.’

Persons authorized to solemnize marriages.

Approved February 21, 1876.

Chapter 111.

An act to amend section fourteen of chapter one hundred and forty-two of the Revised Statutes, relating to the Reform School.

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

Section fourteen of chapter one hundred and forty-two of the revised statutes, is hereby amended so as to read as follows :

Sec. 14, ch. 142, R. S., amended.

‘SECT. 14. One or more of the trustees shall visit the school at least once in every four weeks, examine the register and the inmates in the school room and workshop, and regularly keep a record of these visits in the books of the superintendent. Once in every three months the school, in all its departments, shall be thoroughly examined by a majority of the board of trustees, and a report made showing the results thereof. Annually, on the first day of December, an abstract of these quarterly reports shall be prepared and laid before the governor and council for the information of the legislature, with a full report of the superintendent, stating particularly among other things, the offence for which each pupil was sentenced and his place of residence. A financial statement furnishing an accurate detailed account of the receipts, and expenditures for the year terminating on the last day of November preceding, shall be also furnished.

Visit of trustees to reform school.

—record of, to be kept.

—once in three months by majority of board.

—report of. Annual reports to be laid before the governor and council.

Financial statement to be made.

Approved February 21, 1876.